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paid, the votes have been assured but at least I will state my moral opposition by casting a no vote to it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had my light on to speak to the suspension but I didn't get that opportunity so I think it is important that we have a little better understanding at least of what Senator Hefner is attempting to do here. Senator Hefner, I would like...I don't quite understand a couple portions of your amendment. I wonder if you might be able to assist me by responding to a couple of questions. As I understand it, your amendment prevents an individual to be paid who is circulating a petition, is that correct?

SENATOR HEFNER: Would you repeat that question again?

SENATOR CULLAN: Your amendment prevents an individual from being compensated or being paid when they are circulating a petition, is that correct?

SENATOR HEFNER: That is correct.

SENATOR CULLAN: Would that mean that an individual who is on salary could not circulate a petition?

SENATOR HEFNER: This is probably true and he wouldn't receive reimbursement for his expenses.

SENATOR CULLAN: Would that mean that an individual, for example, for example, let's talk about multibank holding company bill. Let's assume for a second that the Governor had not vetoed the multibank holding company bill and the bankers decided that they wanted to do a statewide initiative. Then no member of a bank that wanted to work against multibank holding companies who is being paid could either receive compensation for his...couldn't receive his salary, couldn't work while he was being paid, and couldn't receive expenses in his effort. So he would have to do this off hours or he would have to do it with absolutely no compensation for his expenses.

SENATOR HEFNER: I believe this is correct, Senator Cullan. I would want to check into it a little bit further.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, I thank you very much, Mr. President and legislators, and I think some of you ought to listen to this. I know a lot of you in here oppose multibank holding companies very strongly and all of you know that there is

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