

years. There has never been any penalties spelled out. All the penalties are varying degrees of misdemeanors for the different violations of violating the recall laws. They are misdemeanors, but in the past, we've had the laws on the books but it didn't say what the penalty was if you violated them. This does put into place what the violations are for the...if you do violate the recall laws. With that, I would be glad to try and answer any questions if there are any. I have an article here for anyone who is interested in the recall process and there is an article that I have here that was written by Elizabeth Mack and it was published in the Nebraska Law Review in 1988. It is a very good article that talks about recall, talks a little bit about the recall frenzy in Nebraska, what has precipitated the recall frenzy and it's got some good things in it. If anyone wants a copy of that, if they would just contact me, I would be glad to get them a copy of that. With that, I would ask that if anyone has any questions I'll be glad to try and answer them. If not, I would just urge the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, I would have a few questions to ask of Senator Baack, Senator. First off, I'm looking through this quickly, is there any change in percentage required on the petitions? Is that adjusted...

SENATOR BAACK: No, there is no change in the percentage. The percentage stays exactly the same.

SENATOR WESELY: So really it's more of a procedural, functional change that you're looking at.

SENATOR BAACK: That's correct.

SENATOR WESELY: In one of the provisions in the bill, talking about the Governor making appointments reminded me of a case in Senator Owen Elmer's district, McCook, I believe it was. Had an REA. They recalled members of the board, several members of the board, they were recalled. The board then was to replace those members, but what they did was they reappointed the very same members. Now I think we took care of that a while back, but I want to be sure that we took care of that. Was that taken care of several years ago?