

March 11, 1992      LB 424, 977

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Lindsay would move to amend.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Is anyone...since Senator Lindsay is not in the Chamber, is anyone else prepared to handle his amendment? Seeing none, are there further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Conway would move to amend. Senator, AM3298.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. The amendment that I offer to LB 424, and you will remember that 424 was the bill that Senator Wesely and I introduced relative to the paid petition circulators, and that bill came out of committee, was discussed on General File, was amended. That now is only the fact that under paid petition circulators petition it must be printed on the petition that that petition is being circulated by a paid petition circulator. It started off, and in the green copy of 424 you'll see that there is discussion relative to a badge and so forth. The committee amended that down now to the fact that it is simply a declaration on the petition itself that this petition is being circulated by a paid petition circulator. The committee also worked on LB 977. And in your bill books, if you'd like to turn to 977, 977 is the bill that we offered to try to affect some of the changes that the county clerks and election commissioners around the state felt were necessary this year due to the election debacle, if you will, of a year and a half ago where the Gage County question came up, and more affectionately around here known as the Senator Byars problem. There were several in the Democratic primary with respect to the Governor's race. There were several counties that had difficulties with election laws. And so we had many of those kinds of things that last year we had offered up with the idea of having the election commission address those. The election commission bill was then vetoed by the Governor, so we lost the opportunity to address many of those things in that bill. We offered then 977, this year. LB 977 is a bill that basically is a cleanup, to try to address some of those problems with respect to the...the election clerks and commissioners that had a meeting, in a NACO meeting this fall, that said these are things that really need to be done before we get into another election. And so we offered that bill. We also have the election commission bill, which is a different