

southwest are both even-numbered so there is no election at this point and they would fall under your normal process. Both District 19 and 17, by virtue of having some reconfiguration, massive reconfiguration for District 19, but for them to engage in an election this fall, they would follow this process rather than a primary. And, like I say, it very...is very close to the same thing that happens when you have a vacancy on the ballot and what that process would be. A person would go out and solicit 645 signatures on a petition, anyone who is able to garner that number of signatures on a petition following these technical guidelines should do that, would then be placed on the general election ballot. They must have those petitions on file by the last Friday of the month of August of this year and then, upon that completion, you would be...your name would be placed on the ballot and the largest vote-getter of that grouping that made that qualification then would be the ultimate winner of that particular district.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Others wishing to discuss the bill? Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, and, Senator Conway, first I want to apologize for guffawing right on your closing on the committee. I didn't mean any disrespect but Senator Wesely had handed out a handout showing a couple of pictures and I first saw it and I reacted with some humor. So I apologize if I disrupted the body's decorum at that particular moment. I would like to talk about LB 9 as amended and I want to commend the Government Committee and its chairman for bringing the bill out. If the body decides to make a change in the northeast or in any district that has had an election and there is an addition of people into that...into that district, we need to have some type of process and the bill, as introduced by Senator Conway, LB 9, as amended, now takes that into consideration. I guess I wanted to ask Senator Conway a question, more on the philosophical point because it's something that I've...I know he and I have discussed and it's probably an amendment that would be drafted and put into the Journal so people could look at it and offer it on Select File, whenever that would be. Senator Conway, the way the bill now is drafted, in Districts 17...well, in 17 and, I guess, at this point, the bill that we previously passed, only District 17, anybody...everybody in that district would have to, in order to be on the ballot, everyone would have to go through the petition process regardless of whether they had a