

eventually, in the next session we'll have to look at it again, we better come up with a better system. If this isn't going to work and if they come along with one little line in the Constitution that undoes everything everyone...that we have done, then we're going to have to look at some other system. And one of the senators said today that we won't do that because when we get past this and we get it all figured out and it's in place then nobody will care again until the year 2000 and that census comes along that nobody will care. I hope that doesn't happen and I...there are those of us who have already talked about it. I'm going to work very hard so that does...so we do do something significant before the year 2000 so this kind of thing doesn't go on again. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, would Senator Conway yield to a question?

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Conway, in the committee discussion of having these special elections or having this new district and having the individuals elected through the petition process, was there a discussion of having a primary election and then a general election?

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, Senator Abboud, there was, and the Secretary of State as well as other researchers were looking into it. Given the time frames that are necessary to typically meet the ability to have an actual election, a period of time for candidates to declare themselves or to have their candidacy or their nominations put in order, the period of time then to hold an election, the amount of time required then to allow for recounts or any other considerations to the canvassing process, they took that calendar, the regular election calendar, and backed backward and realized that there was not enough time or else you would have to change all of the time lines for all elections in terms of the amount of time to do that. And so that's why we went with the petition process, saying there is another vehicle in a situation where somebody didn't come through the primary, let's use that simply because there's not enough time to afford everyone their normal rights for