

LB 9 from Final Reading. So we will go to that motion right now.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 9, the first motion I have is by Senator Conway. Senator Conway would move to return LB 9 to Select File for a specific amendment. I believe copies are being distributed, Mr. President. Senator, I have your AM037S. (See pages 121-23 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, LB 9, if you remember, was the bill dealing with the question associated with the techniques by which we would have petitions in those districts where there have been many changes, changes brought about to...with respect to that district lines that came about from the court decision and then this legislative body determines ought to be reinstated or established and if, in fact, a primary had already been held in those two...in those districts. In this case, there are potentially, depending on LB 7, two of those and regardless of what we do with LB 7 there will be a need particularly for Madison County to provide them with a technique by which candidates could get on the ballot. What we moved the other day and I'm asking to bring back was I had several senators come to me with various requests as to some of the particulars and one of the things that, as we were doing the research relative to the questions, we found and we think that it's imperative that there is no misunderstanding whatsoever. There is a provision in the current statutes as we are tapping into the vacancy statutes, there is a provision that says basically no more than two names shall be on a general election ballot. If we use the technique that we're talking about here in terms of a petitioning technique with more, potentially more than two, three, four or five, whatever that number may be that goes out and solicits petitions, and we put those on a general ballot, some person, some entity, some individual may say that that may run counter to another provision in a whole different section of Chapter 32 that talks about the extent to which no more than two persons can be on the ballot and, therefore, that is originally why we had the primary, to begin with, was to get it and glean it down to two. And so, given the nature of the fact that we're not going to have a technique to glean it to but instead will have a process by which there could be as many as three or four or whatever that number may be, we wouldn't want a situation where there's