

district and a district that is numbered up for election that will come to pass in November, what is their obligation? Should they go out and receive...circulate petitions and pass out those petitions in an attempt to get the'644...645 signatures that would be necessary, just like anyone else in their new configured district? Or should those who have already gone through the primary and do hold certificates of nomination to literally identify them as valid certificates but because of the change, in essence, we opened it up and other people could join if they so desired and under most circumstances one would assume that you might draw a candidate from an area that would not have been eligible to do that prior to this reconfiguration, and so you keep wrestling with this. And the question I ask myself, is the person who is involved in this body, being one of those candidates, is there any form of...any perception on the part of the general public that, well, you know, I cut myself a deal so I don't have to go circulate petitions by subscribing to the Bernard-Stevens amendment because it says, well, I already have a certificate of nomination. The other side of that same coin is, well, I have just cut my opponent some slack as well, he doesn't have to go get any of these petitions. So how does the public weigh that, knowing the way the press deals with me somehow they will perceive that there was some benefit on my part of which I assure that the benefit would be equivalent for both my opponent and myself. And as you wrestle this whole thing and you're sitting there saying, well, you know, should these other people who go out and get petitions feel that they were burdened and the candidates who went through the primary were not? Believe me, all the members in here, I believe, have gone through primaries, have gone through that process, probably much more extensive than getting 645 signatures on a petition is how they found their way onto the ballot. But I've been wrestling with this whole thing. I think I am inclined, at this point, to...to lean toward Senator Bernard-Stevens' approach of saying, if you have a certificate of nomination, at least we ought to be able to thwart a lawsuit not brought by me but potentially, say, my opponent of saying, gee, you've added an additional burden to me, now I've got to go to 645 and therefore looking for a hook. And so I'm at a point where I'm leaning toward Senator Bernard-Stevens' approach saying, no, those candidates shouldn't have to go out and get those but we have opened the door, under that new configured district, that other people may. In my case, like I say, I don't expect additional people or they would have, for the most part, I expected them to be there in the primary as well. But, at any rate, like I say,