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I'm leaning towards that today. By tomorrow, or whenever, who knows how I'll change my mind, because I've changed my mind on this three or four times. It's kind of a teeter-totter philosophy in terms of how you look at it. But, at this point, I think those people who have certificates at least we would thwart any of the...any of those individuals having a grounds for suit that you changed the rules for them and we've already changed the rules for many so why add to the confusion in that regard. But his amendment would take care of that situation where certificate of nomination holders would not have to go out and get the petitions, but if someone else wanted on the ballot, that's open and they may go do that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would Senator Conway yield to a question or two?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Conway, as LB 7 stands or with some of the proposed amendments, will there be a considerable territorial change in District 17?

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Elmer, under LB 7, as it is and was adopted, there was not a significant change. Under the amendment that we are developing right now, there would also not be a significant territorial change, a couple of precincts.

SENATOR ELMER: A couple of precincts. Would you guess what, 500,000 people maybe?

SENATOR CONWAY: Out in the areas that we're looking at, we're talking about precincts which are typically townships, six miles by six miles. We're talking about that kind of geography that probably average about 150 people per precinct.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, you know, this philosophical thing that we're talking about here, if the district boundaries change only slightly and the numbers of people change only slightly, from those who voted in the original primary and it appears that the change that is in the territory would have no effect on what the primary outcome was, I can see no reason why these holders of certificate of nomination shouldn't be allowed to be on the ballot as you suggest. Thank you.