

petition to run since it's a new district. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Wehrbein. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate does not cease. Senator Schimek, you're next.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, thank you, members of the body. I would like to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a question. I have to apologize to you, Senator Bernard-Stevens, because I'm not sure I was listening closely enough to the Conway amendment and now subsequently to your amendment to understand. But what Bud Robinson, Senator Robinson just asked made me really stop and think about what we're doing here. You're going to allow some people to petition on and not others. But there's another question, I think, that we need to address. If, indeed, this is a new district and we've brought in, say, ten new precincts, or twenty new precincts, and let's assume that this election was fairly close in the primary election and that maybe only a hundred votes or five votes or whatever separated the two candidates who emerged through the primary election from those that didn't. Conceivably, the people in those new precincts could have changed the outcome of that election. Is that not correct?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Correct.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, then I think that you've got an entirely new situation here and that you have to allow everybody to petition on the ballot. I could...up until this point I think I could have gone either way on the question but, once Senator Robinson asked his question and now that I've gotten the answer to my question, I think I'm going to have to oppose this amendment. Thank you.