

to support it but he may change his mind tomorrow on it, but now he's already changed his mind within five minutes. So that shows the volatility of this particular issue. He and I have gone around and around, both of us, not quite sure which way to go. But as you...as the body can see, it's not simply a matter where we just go ahead and say everyone can petition on without any discussion. There needs to be some discussion as to what's the rationale for the bills that we're going to be putting forward. I want to clarify it. I'm not sure Senator Conway said it exactly as the amendment is and I may have misheard it. So, Senator Conway, if I did mishear it, I apologize for that. The amendment that's before us now would simply say that districts that were there had primary elections and in those primary elections two people advanced with certificate of election saying that they will be on the November ballot. Some of the changes that we may make, and, again, that's if we choose to make it, and more and more I'm getting to the feeling that we shouldn't make any changes at all because of the massive changes that we're doing in all of the areas, including the petition process, but if we make a change, some districts will be taken away and added to districts that are not having elections. For example, people in District 17 or District 19 may be put into District 18. There are also people that were previously in an even-numbered district who will find, all of a sudden, that they are in an odd-numbered district that has already had a primary election. The question the body has to...has to answer is, is that a new district or not, or is that simply a change to the district? If it's a...if it's a change to the district, those people that have been added to have never had any say in the primary election. They never had a chance to say that they wanted to run for the Nebraska Legislature. What this amendment would do is to say the following. All the people in the district that were there previously had a chance to decide if they wanted to pay a fee and file for a candidate in the primary. And all of them but two lost. In the case of 17, there were only two. In the case of 19, I don't know how many there were. The two that were the winners would be on, according to this amendment, would be on the general election ballot. But what about those people who were just added to the district? Well, they need some type of due process. They need to be able to participate in this election, so we need to have them...have this...this amendment would say, anyone who has been added to a district would have the chance to petition on to also be on the ballot. That's what we're saying that all people would have a fair chance. That's what this amendment does. It