

process lined out in LB 9 to follow through. No one has any particular special rights whether they went through the election or not. The certificates of nomination are, in essence, negated just like they would be in a district that no longer exists or is up for election this year, it just falls back to that. So all of that confusion and difficulty in making that mesh is in conjunction with Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment. So to avoid the confusion and even addressing that twist, I am willing to...or I am going to be voting against the Bernard-Stevens amendment because it does create confusion rather than helping it. Philosophically, there was a question of whether that would be a proper thing to do and it's not worth it because of the confusion that it brings about by virtue of the specific way that it was drafted. So I urge the body to reject the Bernard-Stevens amendment, leaving it the way that it is. What that will end up doing is in any district that has been changed and/or is created under these plans, which, in essence, where we are right now would be District 19 and District 17, that if you want to run for the Legislature in either one of those two districts, you've got to go out and shag 645 signatures on petitions and get on the ballot that way. Anything that you've done in the past is basically negated at this point and I think, given the confusion, that is probably the preferential way to do it is to vote down the Bernard-Stevens amendment and leave LB 9 in its less confused state.

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

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I have a question, Senator Conway.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Say that three people petition, the highest vote-getter is the senator, is that correct?

SENATOR CONWAY: That's correct, yeah.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any other discussion on the amendment by Senator Bernard-Stevens? Seeing none, Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Conway, I'd like to, I guess,