

from Senator Elmer. Senator Elmer would move to reconsider the Final Reading vote on LB 9 with the emergency clause attached.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. I voted negative on the original offering of 9E on Final Reading for the obvious reason that it would no longer be needed when LB 7 had failed. Now that LB 7E has been passed with the emergency clause attached, we now need to consider and also pass LB 9E with the emergency clause attached to be able to petition the candidates in the various districts that are affected onto the November ballot. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Does anyone wish to speak to this motion? Seeing none, do you have closing? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the motion to reconsider LB 9 with the emergency clause attached; 33 votes are again required. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to reconsider the Final Reading vote on LB 9.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 9 passes (sic) with the emergency clause attached. We are now on Final Reading. Mr. Clerk, do you have a motion on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to return LB 9 to Select File for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I am sitting here now trying to...the motion simply is to strike the enacting clause, which, obviously, I will withdraw, because since we have decided to do LB 7E, we, obviously, need to have a petition bill. The problem that I have had and it is still the problem we continue to have in the body is that in my judgment LB 9 is not in the proper shape and is going to give us problems if we continue it in this manner. We can ignore it, pretend it will go away. We can ignore it and say, well, we know what is written there, we know what it says, but the court surely will understand what our intent was, and if we haven't learned yet about our court and their understanding