

regular basis. The other day there was some discussion regarding what about the certificate of nomination holders in a district that has been changed, and there was an attempt to say, let them stay on the ballot, and at that point, Senator Bernard-Stevens offered an amendment to that bill that we were discussing philosophically back and forth and ultimately that was pulled, because the way that it was written, it was absolutely counter to some other aspects of the bill. I think it would suffice to say that because a vacancy does exist in District 17, which I happen to hold a certificate of nomination for, I assume I will react in such a way that I feel that I need to go out and secure the petitions just like anyone else, that, in essence, we created a vacancy and possibly the wording, if we would have said vacancies, or used even another sentence to suggest that talking about certificate of nomination holders. We all know this is a very unique case, the situation where a district has been changed after a primary election was held. I think that if we read into the record, and maybe this is appropriate that Senator Bernard-Stevens raised this question so the record is very clear that the intent of this body, the intent of this legislation is that if those districts changed, and if your boundaries change and they are different than, and it isn't a matter of significant, I think if one household changed, we would be in this situation. You are talking about a different district than what was originally structured and what people originally were qualified to run for and did run for, that with that change at all that the intent of this body, by voting for this legislation, is that, in essence, those certificates of nomination are...in essence, should be acted upon as if they are void, and to avoid any confusion on the part of myself, or I am sure my opponent, so that there isn't some kind of an interpretation in that regard, that at that point in time, anyone who wants to be on that ballot is going to have to do it via the petition process, and that any other certificate that one holds should not rely on that as a basis to being on the ballot. So I think that was the intent of the body, that was what was discussed, and should someone ever challenge this, I would like the record to show that by voting for this that the body intends that to be the case.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Does anyone else wish to speak to this motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Bernard-Stevens?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator