

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...to approximately 150,000 signatures that would be necessary, not the 55 or the 105, but roughly 150,000 signatures. If you really want to return the constitution the way it was, because that will be challenged as well and it's very likely that if the court adopts the Dugan argument that they made, they may say though that as they did in the Dugan case that somehow they could make these two sections of the constitution equal out, which is a very difficult thing for me to understand how they're going to make Section 2 and 4 coincide, but possibly they might do that, but that's the whole key here. We don't know what the court is going to do at any given time. We don't know what questions are even going to be raised by the court. And this is an example where we did what we felt was the right thing to do, the voters agreed with us and it's a case where the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...the referees came in in the game and they had more of an impact on it than the players on the field did as one of my staff members told me a long time ago. With that again, I rise in support of the committee amendment, Mr. President, and would urge adoption.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate has ceased. Senator Robinson, to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, we've had a good discussion on both sides of the issue and I would like to yield a couple of minutes to Senator Dierks. I told him that he could have a couple of minutes and I would urge the movement of the committee amendments. Senator Dierks would like a minute.