

appropriate though. I mean I think that if they can get all those members to do that, well, why not; 73,000 signatures is a tremendous amount of signatures for a group who is organized without pay to collect, and I am talking about the 10 percent for the initiative on the constitutional amendment in the middle of your chart. I know that the people who are trying to collect the 58,000 a year ago had a lot of difficulty. They were just...it was...and a number of people here have told me how easy it is for people to do that. I think unless you have been in a drive yourself, you really don't know how easy it is. It is very, very difficult. Now these people spent a lot of time, and I know one of my neighbors, one of my rancher neighbors out there, he was gone every night for about three months just driving to people's homes trying to get signatures, and said his phone bill was bigger than mine, which I doubt. But I think we are overestimating when we think that 57,000 signatures are not very difficult. I think they are very difficult, and I agree with some folks who think that with paid circulators that it may not be as difficult and that is true. And I'd hate to see this become a bad situation for paid circulators or a good situation for them. I have difficulty, though, with the numbers. At this point, I am not sure I am going to support this, Senator Bohlke, but I understand where you are coming from and I do like...I do like registered or those who voted in the last election. That number is not nebulous. It is there in front of us for everybody to see. I don't like registered voters where the Supreme Court has us right now. That's a difficult number to come up with and you will always have questions about it, about people who have died, people who have moved, people who have changed registrations. It is a difficult, difficult way to do business. These numbers are very static.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: And I would sure...at this point, I'm not sure I will support this, but I do understand what you are doing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Senator Bohlke, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you. What I am attempting to do is to get a better picture, really, of electorate during a petition drive, to look at what that number should be. As I said, you know, we always end up talking about numbers. It reminds me of