

SENATOR WITEK: Sure I did.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I'm glad to hear that.

SENATOR WITEK: But you know we were an unruly bunch of Irishmen in my family, so it wasn't difficult for him. (Laugh.)

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, we won't talk about that issue any longer. I have a great deal of concern about this whole process. I know we started out, which I thought was an unusual length of time, 90-days to have a person have to register before they could sign a petition, and then we reduced it down to 30-days, which I thought was a pretty good compromise. Now we're talking about no time. I'm not exactly sure that that's exactly the right way to go. It seems to me that if people are interested enough in our government they ought to be a citizen of our state and not just move in for the purpose of signing a petition. So I'm going to listen to some more of the debate, and hopefully there will be some more, and during that process try to make up my mind which way I ought to vote on this. Right now I'm leaning toward staying with the 30-day...30-days of registration. I'll just listen and see what more the people...what some more of the people's thoughts are. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Witek to close on her amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I appreciate this discussion and I know it is similar. And I guess I was just trying to check to see if people on the floor were concerned that this had been ruled unconstitutional and possibly making it, in the eyes of the Attorney General, a constitutional bill before we pass it. It does turn out that