

petition is no longer valid. You know, to me that totally contradicts the first part, because as long as I show good intentions, I can still not agree to do any of the petition process, as long as I show good intention. Okay. So this part is really relatively meaningless. Good faith does not play into what's going to happen, so it should be stricken. But the other portion of it, I think, is even more interesting, that the six months. You know, really I can have good intentions for six months and one day, and then the petition goes away. But as long as I have good faith effort, that's not a problem. I'm not sure why the six month deadline was put in there, I'm sure so things wouldn't drag out and there would be some type of pressure to do one thing or another. But actually the pressure would end up for those that did not want to pursue the petition process as it was determined by that petition, the actual outcome of that would be all we need to do is have good intentions for six months and one day and we'll be fine, it just goes away. So this section needs to be, if the bill is going to do what the introducers of the bill want it to do, my sense is you don't want to insult people at the same time and say, we don't believe you are going to do it in good faith, so we don't want to make sure that you have to. And we also don't want to put that portion in there when you can't define what good faith is, besides saying it's intentions. And again,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...one persons' intention may not be the same good faith intention as to another person. The avenue that people have to remove county board members and to remove on a petition drive of a removal from office are already out there, and they can exercise those rights. This section, portion is not needed. And again, as Senator Kristensen said, even though he will not support the amendment, that if the amendment is not agreed to is not harmful to the bill. So I would urge its adoption.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. The question before the body is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1085. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 19 nays, Madam President, on the amendment to the committee amendments.