

1 something around 40,000.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Freedlander.

3 MRS. FREEDLANDER: I realize at Easton we
4 spent quite a bit of time on the subject of referendum
5 and further realize this Commission is closely divided
6 as to whether or not there should be a referendum.
7 Some people feel we shouldn't and therefore it has
8 been made difficult.

9 I would like to comment again that if we
10 believe in this device as a democratic device, we should
11 make it easier rather than more difficult. If we don't
12 want it at all, we shouldn't make it so difficult that
13 only strong pressure groups, strongly organized groups
14 can get enough signatures for referendum. As it stands
15 now, I believe it would be too difficult for the ordinary
16 citizen to mobilize and I have been a part of groups
17 that have worked in this direction. It would be too
18 difficult for the ordinary citizen to make use of this
19 and it would become a weapon so to speak of highly
20 organized groups probably of which some of us might not
21 approve. There is a basic decision. The decision is