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THE PEOPLE SPEAK: Where did signature collectors come from?

The vote on cockfighting may be long over for Cynthia Armstrong. However, it is not over for 5,000 Oklahomans.

She might ask herself how many of the 480 signature gathers were legal Oklahoma voters and residents. This is not a matter of cockfighting, but law.

Cynthia and Janet along with Arizona resident Jamie Massey and the Humane Society of the United States may need some time to consider what constitutes a conspiracy charge in Oklahoma, along with fraud. I would say it is time to lawyer up.

Crying animal rights will not get it this time. The endorsements by the so-called national animal rights groups is laughable. The donations to this referendum by HSUS and Fund for Animals, which are one and the same organization now, was basically 90 percent of the funds used by the few Oklahoma individuals behind this.

On the HSUS Web site, it states they came into Oklahoma to change the law. Cynthia was a puppet who has been rewarded with a job. Yes, she now works for the HSUS.

By the way, most of the wording in her opinion was taken word for word from many HSUS statements — very original.

In ending, the HSUS might not have hired the out-of-state signature gathers directly, but their money did. One might again ask, "Conspiracy?"

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THE PEOPLE SPEAK: Cockfighting ban was travesty of justice

I see that Cynthia Armstrong of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Cockfighting is still very defensive of the fraud that occurred during the 2002 anti-cockfighting signature gathering drive in Oklahoma.

She well should be because of the felony charges being leveled at others that have since used out-of-state signature gatherers, as she and her backers, the Humane Society of the United States, did.

Gregory Albert, the Oklahoma Supreme Court referee, found proof of that in his findings, but was roundly and soundly ignored by the court.

Armstrong is still telling falsehoods about the involvement of the HSUS at the state level, also.

All who were involved knew that the petition itself was written by the Humane Society's minions and that a "hired gun" was brought in from Arizona to run the drive.

At some point, you have to believe that Oklahomans will get tired of official corruption and being bamboozled by out-of-state interests.

Let it begin today. Ask the attorney general and the state Supreme Court justices why, when a petition drive involves legislative powers, that it's a felony to perpetrate fraud, but not when it involves a subject they want banned.

A travesty of justice occurred in your state.

Does anyone care?

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