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of that bill I'm a little bit concerned as to what we have told the people we were going to do.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Withdraw the amendment. I thought I was helping you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter has now asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his motion. Are there objections to that. Hearing none. So ordered. We are now back to the General File consideration of LB 448. We have Committee amendments. The clerk will read the title. Attention please, to the reading of the title of LB 448 on General File.

CLERK: Read title, LB 448. There are Committee amendments from Senator Snyder's Urban Affairs Committee.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the body, the amendments to LB 448 primarily change the manner...thank you... change the manner in which the bill originally provided for the election of the City Council members to the city of Lincoln.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder, just a minute. Before you proceed, the chair is going to remind the body that the chair has had frequent complaints about the noise and the confusion in the Chamber and the visiting that does transpire as you move about the floor. Now, gentlemen, I implore you that if you are going to visit, either to get off on the wings and so on or else use the folding chair beside a Senator so that at least your noise level is held down. It is a discourtesy to those who are discussing bills and even worse discourtesy to those who are trying to follow the discussion of the bills and, indeed, it creates a little problem for the person in the chair because I do have to keep regulating the volume of the P.A. system up here. I implore, please, your cooperation. Proceed, Senator Snyder, and I apologize for interrupting you.

SENATOR SNYDER: Well said. Thank you. Again, the bill originally introduced by the Lincoln Senators provided that five of the Lincoln City Councilmen be elected by district and that two be elected at large. This is the bill on which the Public Hearing was held. As I recall that I was asked to expedite the Hearing, etc. I did by holding an unusual evening meeting. Then, after the Public Hearing, the Senators provided the Urban Affairs Committee with an amendment which would have made the entire City Council election by district. There were some other amendments dealing with the...how the districts would be drawn up, aligned, changed, etc. Primarily, the change there being that the County Election Commissioner was brought into that. I believe that is the gist of the amendments which the Committee adopted. The amendments were presented by Senator Fowler who is a member of our Urban Affairs Committee. Senator Fowler, I would ask, is there anything that I have not covered that would be pertinent to the two pages of amendments that were offered? He says no. Thank you. I would only say this to the body, only to maintain my own consistency, probably, but I maintain that with that great change that the amendment provided for, the bill, LB 448, that is now before you on General File is not the bill which my Urban Affairs Committee held a Public Hearing for. I think an issue like this especially where there has been a great amount of attention given that there is a great difference between the amendments that you now have and the bill as originally introduced and I would reemphasize that point from recalling the difference and the...as pointed out on the floor, between the election held in Omaha concerning district elections for City Council and the bill that was before you in this body this year. That is my contention, but the decision, of course, rests with the body.