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SENATOR NORE: According to my bill it reads two or more. You wanted to make it two only.

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes. Well, otherwise you might as well and this is what Senator Stahmer's amendment would do it would force them to have the primary election as opposed to having the option of a primary ballot of the caucus decision.

SENATOR NORE: I'm in favor of having a primary election.

SENATOR SNYDER: Well, that's your opinion but I'm not going to bleed over this thing. I'm just telling the body that I was asked on behalf of the school board, they have been using the caucus procedure and I agree with them that if you're going to allow them to have the caucus there's no sense saying that they have to have more than two. I mean that's the idea of a caucus to nominate two people for one position.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman...

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, if you change that to two, only two according to the Secretary of State you'd have to change 42 other statutes to make it jive with it.

SENATOR SNYDER: Well, it doesn't matter how many statutes you change as long as it's legal, there's nothing wrong there. Mr. President, might I have one more question of Senator Stahmer?

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, will you yield to a question from Senator Snyder?

SENATOR STAHMER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SNYDER: now this is a surprise to me but as I talked to you earlier it seemed to me that you had agreed with the school board that, on 435 and their caucus election.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, Senator Snyder, we only have one school district in the State class that uses the caucus now and I think what's good enough for one or all should be good enough for one and I think this just simplifies the statutes and keeps from having so many special privileges or special leeway for one here and another there. It does nothing more than just call for the same kind of elections at all other class IIIs now utilize across the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR SNYDER: I realize that but they had had the option in the past and, Mr. President, like I say I don't want to take all afternoon on this thing, but they have been utilizing it, they have been working on this bill and if Senator Stahmer decides that they shouldn't have it then fine that's what the body should decide. I'm not going to take all afternoon on the thing, I just want you to know the background on the bill. It was for the school district that has been using the caucus process and so far as moving it back for this amendment by Senator Stahmer, I'm going to have to oppose it because these people have used it. Nobody, none of the taxpayers have written to me saying they don't like this process and until I see some grass, some ground swell from that area I'm not going to vote against it so I'm just telling the body for their information the background on this bill and I will of course oppose it.

PRESIDENT: All right now stand by, Senator Stahmer, Senator Proud asked to be recognized. I'll come back to you. Senator Proud.