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stand why it is necessary for this one school district to have different rules and regulations than all the other school districts in it's class. Could you explain to me why this district should have a caucass system where all the rest of the districts are required to have an elective system? Primary and general?

SENATOR SNYDER: Ok, as I understand it Senator Marsh, they are not required. It gives them the option, it gives them the option. The caucass again as I understand it, the caucass procedure has been used for several years in this district. I have had no letters from any of the people saying no, we're unhappy with the caucass system and we don't want it. It is my understanding, I do not reside in this school district. It is only my understanding, that they have in the neighborhood of 500, 600 people attend their caucasses. The people of this school district have found this acceptable and they according to the administration, want to continue on this process. So this is merely an amendment to the class 3 school district election bill which was presented this year by Secretary of State Beermann, which would allow them to continue under this process.

SENATOR MARSH: May I ask another question please? Are there, are there any school districts who use this procedure or is the district 60-60 only one in the State of Nebraska who is asking for this special legislation?

SENATOR SNYDER: Well I don't think it is special legislation, it is something that has been, has been done for several years, but to answer your question. They are they only ones that I have heard from.

SENATOR MARSH: Is there anyone else who could answer the question? If there are other school districts who use this procedure, if it is necessary to have it on the books, does that mean there are other school districts who could make use of it as they choose to? Are there other school districts which could make use of the bill that currently is on the books? The same size school district?

SENATOR SNYDER: As I say, it merely pertains to class 3, and it would allow any of those that wish to use this process, yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank-you.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman, members, this bill was handed to me by the school board association and personally I'm not in favor of having a caucass for a primary, but they have brow beated me enough over there, the superintendent of the, seems to want to have more power in selecting his board members. So I went along with him. It is only for 66. If they want to do it that way, but the real purpose of the bill is to make, is to provide them a legal way of holding elections. Previously it has been illegal and personally I'm not in favor of, in my district, of having a caucass. Sometimes you might have 10 people select, to select the candidates for school board and another item, we have only 2 can be, can be put on the on the, can be selected in the caucass. I think this should be as many as want to run. Theres 6 or a dozen, fine, but Mr. Phelps only wants 2. I suppose it would be his selection and probably some bar fly downtown is the other selection.

PRESIDENT: All right now, is there any further discussion of the Snyder amendment? Motion. All right now, Senator