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mad about 10 and somebody is mad about that but I will tell you one thing, we are going to be in quite a shape if we start voting for legislation on the bases of what some guy did on this or what some guy did on the other and I think that there is no reason to change the system. I think under the present election laws that you have now where anybody that wants to can run and there is no run-off and there is examples and I can cite them for you if you would like to see them upstairs in my office where lar...and I think Hastings had the largest number, Senator Marvel. I think 21 people ran for the school board in Hastings this time for four positions. I have not talked to the people in District 66 about this bill. I have nothing to do with it except tell you that I don't believe there has been substantial reasons presented for a change. The present primary system we have for Class III districts and Class I cities is atrocious and I think that if the people of District 66 want to continue the caucus method, they should and I would like to point out, as I recall, in the last caucus..in the last caucus, two incumbents were knocked out at the caucus stage so it wasn't to perpetuate the incumbents, as I recall on that and I don't have that down as truth, that's just reading the World Herald which was wrong on my vote on 452 this morning. So, that destroys some of their credibility but anyway that's the way I recall it. So, I would urge that you adopt the Senator Snyder amendment and I think that certainly I ought to be complimented by Senator Snyder. I think that this is the first time I have agreed with hime except for adjournment on March the 6th.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, for the first time I've just studied this thing and the Stahmer amendment just simply struck all ways of electing anybody on the school board and I presume that that would mean then that there is no way of electing new members. That all the present members would continue from now to infinity and I feel that it is absolutely necessary for this amendment of Senator Snyder's to pass in order to be able to have any elections of school board members at all. Now if you want to amend his amendment, that's fine, but you've got to have some way of electing school board members there and, if you don't vote..don't get his amendment passed, you just won't have any way of doing it. That's the way I see it because the Stahmer amendment struck Sections 1 and 3 of the bill and then it struck the present law and so it just struck everything. So, I heartily support Senator Snyder's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman, members, I think we all realize that the Stahmer amendment must be stricken. I think we should defeat the amendment we have before us and leave the bill as it was in the beginning, and go ahead. To defeat the Snyder amendment and strike the Stahmer amendment. Senator Stahmer said his amendment was not workable. He goes along with that. I talked to him about that so let's strike the Snyder amendment and strike the Stahmer amendment and pass it on to General File.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Epke.

SENATOR EPKE: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Snyder.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder, will you yield?

SENATOR EPKE: Senator Snyder, now the way I understand your amendment, it still makes it permissive legislation. Is that right?