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by district. They will alternate. Two will run...it is every four years. Two will run one time and three will run the next time. Presently that is the way it is done even in the at large elections. I move the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp and then Senator Cal Carsten. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, even though I don't live in Omaha, I have paid a tax there a time or two and got kind of a passing interest in the bill. I agreed with Davy I wouldn't obstruct it at this point but I would like from him kind of a public confirmation that he would listen very seriously on Select File to an amendment that would change the bill in some major areas. For example, district elections in the primary and maybe a general in the... I mean an at large in the general. How you feeling on that, Davy?

SENATOR NEWELL: I could certainly agree to listening to those kinds of proposals. I have even suggested that might be one way we would do it but it really depends on whether we can get a whole lot of people together on it and get some unanimous support for the bill once it is done but I certainly will listen. I don't feel very strongly that that is not a good idea, in fact, I think it is a possibility. Is that good enough, John?

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is probably as strong as I am going to get so I will settle for it.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Keyes a question. This bill was heard in his committee and I notice in the committee report that Mr. Martin Jensen appeared both as a proponent and as an opponent and I am trying to figure out what the score is. I wonder if he might answer that for us.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes to answer the question.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Carsten, that tickles me to death to tell you how a man can stand straddled but firm. Now this gentleman came in and I said which way are you testifying and he said I am going to testify for and against the