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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I can take these amendments and perhaps about all we will have a chance to do today is take the amendments because I want everybody to be clear on what is being done to get the bill in a form where it can be debated on its merits. The committee amendments were suggested by the Douglas County Election Commissioner because the word "city" I believe "clerk" was utilized where it should have been election commissioner or if you look at the committee...or which, Senator Pirsch? Because there are two sets of amendments. The committee amendments are the simpler of the two sets, and if you will look at them attached to your green book you will see that they don't really do anything of substance to the bill other than to put in who would deal with the handling of the election so I am going to first ask you to adopt those committee amendments. I am ready to try to get a vote. What these amendments do, I will tell you again, is to put in the words "county clerk" or "election commissioner" in place of "city clerk" and for Douglas County where this bill would apply, that is the language which is necessary and as far as the establishing of districts, the language which always has to be included in a bill such as this is that the district should consist of compact and contiguous territory. So these are the amendments and I am asking that they be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is your amendment to the committee amendments, the one you just referred to?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh. Would you read that amendment to the committee amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Well, Senator, I have two from you. I think one of them addresses the committee amendments. Does it not?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I forgot about that.

CLERK: That is on page 1379 of the Journal. (Read Chambers amendment.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The reason I am making this amendment, members of the Legislature, is because following amendments will strike the number of council members "twelve" and insert "nine" so that language which relates to the districts, approximating legislative districts, would be confusing and of no value. So having told you what the committee amendment does, I am asking that you adopt this amendment to the committee amendment and what it will do is strike...are you with me, anybody? Okay.