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LB 735

SENATOR LEWIS: ...some of the school boards in some of the larger communities meet more than once. We have a tendency to meet at least a couple of times. Does this interfere with any of the prerogatives that the school boards currently have? In that case it is a wonderful bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Barrett a question please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Barrett, do you yield?

SENATOR NICHOL: Is there a reason why school boards must meet on a Monday night?

SENATOR BARRETT: It is a matter of statute, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I realize that but is there any magic thing about having a school board meet on a Monday night rather than on a Tuesday night?

SENATOR BARRETT: Not that I know of except that it is a matter of law.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes. Why don't we give the school boards more flexibility so that they could meet on a Tuesday or a Wednesday instead of making it mandatory that they meet on a Monday night?

SENATOR BARRETT: Well, with LB 735 they could meet on a night other than Monday. It could be a Thursday, for example, as long as it was before the third Monday of the month. This is simply permissive, Senator.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I understand that and I am with your bill. The only thing I am thinking of is a little further. Why couldn't they have it during the third week of the month or the fourth week of the month? I am just asking.

SENATOR BARRETT: They could have it the third week provided it was before the third Monday under LB 735. It can be held any day, yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Would you have any objection, you personally, to having it any day of the month? Is there a reason why it should not be?

SENATOR BARRETT: No, not personally.