

Select File for the purpose of striking that amendment which is to replace special where it was originally in the original bill which would allow then the bill to be one of general consensus and a continuity. Because, we use the word special in several other sections of law. I would remind you that we need to be constantly uniform and I suggest that we reinsert the original language of special and strike the Pirsch amendment. I ask for the return of 17E to Select File for that specific amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you Mr. Speaker and members of the body. In the interest of equity I have also an amendment up on the Clerk's desk which would strike the special election in each of the provisions of the local tax option law. I think that the question is when we put on one of these tax option limitations it is to save money. I am sure that the people who are putting on the limitations would not want to have a special election either which in the case of the City of Omaha according to our election commissioner would cost \$200,000. So my amendment would strike all of the special election in the parts of this exemption. Now the reason it came to me on this one particular section alone is because in the first year I feel that it would be a great temptation to automatically, for that governing board, to put this on the ballot the first year. You are allowed to do that and I think it would be an automatic thing whether it won or failed it would still be worth the gamble. I don't think that it has a place in a special election and I think that the solution to this problem is to take out the special election as my amendment does in the entire provision, the local tax option limitation act. I urge that you do not support taking out the special election in the . . .and give the local governing boards the opportunity to automatically file in the first year for a special election. Now I might remind you that also Senator Koch has taken out of the bill the provision that you could not put it on the ballot more than twice in one year. Now remember that is out. So, I think that it would be a great temptation and I think that it is a big waste of money to use special elections for this purpose and I urge your support or your.... I urge you to vote against Senator Koch's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion at the moment is Senator Koch's to return the bill for a specific amendment. Senator Koch, you have the floor.