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SENATOR SNYDER: My turn.

PRESIDENT: Your turn.

SENATOR SNYDER: Senator Syas, this is, of course, the procedure whereby District 66 wishes to use the caucus procedure of...rather than having the primary by ballot. They use a caucus and then the state primary election then becomes, in effect, their general election through the ballot process because their terms are six year terms as opposed to four year terms, and under the law, the school boards are asked to have their terms either four or six years and according to Secretary of State and Superintendent Phelps in visiting with us, this has to be put in there to allow them to continue their caucus procedures.

SENATOR SYAS: Want to ask some questions. Why have you got such a hang up on caucus so that the administration can always control who gets nominated? I think...boy. Why don't you bring the bill back and let's...it was Senator Stahmer's amendment and he isn't here yet, I mean, today. Why don't you let him have a shot at it?

SENATOR SNYDER: I should have made mention, Senator Syas, Senator Stahmer has agreed to this.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I don't care whether he agreed or not. It looks to me like it is sloppy legislation made for the benefit of one school district in the state that is probably the richest school district in the state.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion is to return the bill and that's the motion before the body. Senator Frank Lewis, then Senator Marsh. We have before us the motion to return 435 for a specific amendment.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: I understand. Mr. Chairman, I rise to support Senator Snyder on the motion to return. I'd say to Senator Syas, who was so anxious for everybody to stay out of Omaha's elections, that certainly he is very interested in getting into District 66 elections. Of course, that's the original purpose. I'd like to understand what that means.

PRESIDENT: All right. All right. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: We have LB 10 up there. That bill would have been passed for the benefit of the Omaha School district which is needed. The Senator from District 66 was the one that sandbagged that bill. Now, if you talk about staying out of other people's business, I am willing to do that beginning right now, if somebody else will stay out of ours.

SENATOR LEWIS: May I continue.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: In other words, (Inaudible) vote on your part, Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: No, but I probably would have kept my mouth shut if some of these other things don't happen. If some of these other people would stay out of my business, I might vote silently without raising so much cane about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, I hope you are through. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Snyder a question, please.