

and they talked about an election of that...of those schools and other methods to sample the public opinion around that given school. And they were just too cumbersome. The committee just felt that that wouldn't work. And we had a discussion inside the committee and it went along the lines of if we believe in local control, if we believe the local school boards are empowered to make decisions about the operation of their schools, should this not be a decision that local school boards have? And so to simplify the process, what we said in our committee amendment was rather than dealing with how they vote and who votes and what part of the area votes, why don't we just simply empower with a supermajority of the school board after adequate public notice in a public hearing that they have...the school board would have the right to make this determination about the use of their facilities year round. So that is what thought process the committee went through. The original bill did not contain the ability of the school board to make this decision, but this amendment that we set forward does and that's what Senator Schimek has in front of you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there any other discussion on the Schimek amendment as we have it before us? Seeing none, Senator Schimek, would you care to close? She waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Schimek amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? We're voting on the adoption of the Schimek amendment to LB 348. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

SENATOR HALL: The Schimek amendment is adopted. Is there other items on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Senator Wickersham would move to amend with AM1739.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Wickersham, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I would withdraw this amendment.

SENATOR HALL: It's withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, other items?

CLERK: Senator Schellpeper has the next amendment, AM1757.