

the bill. We are creating an exception to that general rule. Now if we want to create that exception and we want to do away with that language, we should strike that language and strike the idea of an election but that election has been there for years. It has been part of the standard operating procedure for villages and cities. It was not sought to be repealed by the League of Municipalities. They are willing to live with that requirement and if they are then, I think we should live with what the intent of the committee heard at the time of the public hearing. If we want a new bill, if we want to review that policy, if we want to talk about doing away with the election idea which is the normal policy in this situation, fine, but we should have had that at the hearing. We should have addressed that situation and we weren't faced with that question. I think at this time to change the nature of the issue on the ground that we are covering with LB 220 would be unfair to the committee and to the committee hearing process because these are not the kind of factual systems that we were talking about in the hearing. For that reason I will oppose the Maresh amendment although in principle, if we are ever faced with that question, next year before the committee I may support the idea advanced by Senator Kremer.

**SPEAKER MARVEL:** Before we go to the next speaker, in the North balcony it is my privilege to introduce from Senator Richard Peterson's district 50 students from Northeast Tech, Norfolk, Nebraska, Roger Schafer the teacher. Will you hold up your hands so we can see where you are. Okay, Senator Hoagland.

**SENATOR HOAGLAND:** Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would like to endorse this particular amendment that Senator Maresh and I have offered and endorse as well the comments by Senator Kremer. As Senator Kremer pointed out, we have locally elected boards who are responsible to their own constituents and I really think it is senseless for us in this Legislature time and time again to pass laws that curtail or hamper the exercise of their discretion. They are much more knowledgeable about local problems than we are. If the voters in their towns or villages don't like the decisions they make they can always vote them out of office. I really have to differ with my colleague Senator Landis about what was heard and what was not heard at the committee. The bill as introduced and presumably all the testimony directed to the bill dealt with the issue of whether the cap should be removed entirely for funds other than funds raised through a bond issue. I think to attach a \$7,500 lid to Senator Maresh's bill renders it essentially meaningless because what kind of building can you construct for \$7,500. This amendment that we are offering is still very conservative. I'm not sure what kind of