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SENATOR STONEY: That is your understanding and that is the intent of the amendment Senator Carsten exactly.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature I certainly am not one to want to remove the opportunity of the people of the state to go the petition route. I have a mixture of feelings because of the difference in the two situations this year, and I guess I go back to the concern that Senator Pirsch had relative to cost. However I guess we must realize that those that are able to put it on the ballot are aware of costs of a special election when they do so whether it be by the board or whether it be by the people. At the moment I am not quite sure whether I support it or whether I don't. But I will keep thinking. Thank you Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, will Senator Stoney yield to another question or two?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney, do you yield?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Stoney, I'm having a little difficulty in justifying in my own mind, and I want to be sure since we don't have the amendment in front of us, I want to be sure that I have the correct understanding of it, that is that you are treating the Nebraska City School District and the Omaha School District one way and you are treating the rest of the state another way. Is that correct?

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Goodrich, the reason for the difference in treatment is that these two school districts have budget limitations and no other school district in the state does have. So I think that is the reason and the rationale for that difference.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Then elaborate a little bit for me, maybe I am asking for you to repeat something, but I sure didn't get a clear understanding of what you were saying on what would happen in the Omaha School District if your amendment goes through. I mean what is specifically available to them if your amendment goes through?

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Goodrich, if this amendment is adopted there are two alternatives for the Omaha Public School District, since you are asking about them specifically. Individuals who wish to remove this budget limitation could