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you to be aware that we are not trying to circumvent any particular procedure. This is a compromise solution. It is certainly not anti-democratic because that is...we are appealing to democracy. We are throwing the issue to the people and they will vote. There can't be anything more democratic than that. And I just wanted to be sure that the circumstances of the original introduction of the bill, of the compromise in committee and of the present status of this particular amendment with regard to how the different Lincoln senators view it is understood by the body. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: I think the introducer wants to withdraw the amendment. Is that right, Senator Fowler?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes. Mr. President, it is no big thing one way or another. There will be probably an election in November in the City of Lincoln on this issue, I have no doubt. If Senator Vickers feels that somehow that Senator Beutler and I and Senator Wesely and Senator Landis and the citizens of Lincoln have misled, betrayed him in any way, I apologize for that impression. It certainly was not the intent. It is no big thing. The important thing is that once and for all the City of Lincoln resolve the question of how its school board is elected, and I don't think that we need to spend a lot of time debating whether the election is mandated in November or not. This was a convenience. People somehow feel it is a violation of some principle. Fine. Hold the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Goodrich, did you want to talk on something else? We have nothing before us now.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Other than the fact to say I didn't really see anything wrong with the amendment itself. As long as the people of Lincoln are going to vote on it, what is wrong with it? It's local control.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is withdrawn. Do you have another amendment on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill and that amendment is on page 1312 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a relatively minor amendment which picks up, I think, an oversight in a statute that we were dealing with