

place the district system so that we would maintain the stagger, as we have now, as a method. It took quite a bit of work to do that, and it had to be fitted into the committee amendments. And since those portions of the committee amendment that mine would have dealt with have been stripped out of that committee amendment, I would ask that the committee amendments be voted against. In other words, I would appreciate a no vote. Then I would not try to offer my amendment to the bill at this time, because it would be to the green copy, and there is no way that I could draft it to fit with what the green copy is. The committee amendment was going to change all of that, take a lot of confusing language out of the existing law and we would have had a clean bill before us. That cannot be done now. I'll sit down. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Smith would move to reconsider the adoption of Senator Labeledz's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have to admit that I've been sitting here kind of in a lazy attitude this afternoon, not paying as much attention as I probably should have to the discussion until perhaps it was later than I thought it was. And I, after listening to the discussion and voting, now have had an opportunity to think it over and I've decided that I would like to have the opportunity to reconsider at least my vote on the Labeledz amendment to the committee amendments of the bill. And that is what I'm offering right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is there discussion on the motion to reconsider? Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Abboud and Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I welcome Senator Smith's motion to reconsider and again hopefully we will think about this a little further. Senator Labeledz caught both Senator Schmit and I off guard dealing with the question of why didn't we change the county board election. And it was a fair question, unfortunately didn't have time to really give the answer that we should have. Let me tell you where I'm coming from on this. I've been involved in this district at large