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SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, I do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Excuse me, Senator Landis, you...

SENATOR LANDIS: Not on the Haberman amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question before the house then is the adoption of the Haberman amendment to 259. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Haberman's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Next order.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Dierks. Senator, I have your AM2157 in front of me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator "Cap" Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this amendment is one that would require that the school district to which an affiliate, a prospective affiliate would apply would have to answer that application within 60 days of the day of the receipt of the petition. I think we require that of the petitioner and I think we should require that also of the school that is being petitioned. I think that it's only fair that we have these time constraints in there for them. That is as simple as it is. I have nothing else to say about it except I think that this is a fair way to go about the business. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Dierks amendment, Senator Landis. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, would Senator Dierks respond to a question, please?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks, would you please respond?

SENATOR DIERKS: Surely.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I just want to inquire to make sure I