

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President, I will yield to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Just to...just to finish that thought and then I'll give the time back to Senator Schimek. I think people need to have the flexibility of knowing that when they make tough decisions that may be against what people may want, but they believe it to be right, that they have the feeling that they can do so and not jeopardize by simply a simple majority being able to say we don't like it, you're not a team player, you need to be removed. I think the standard for removal should be higher and that's why I'll be voting against the measure at this point. Senator Schimek, thank you for letting me finish that thought and I give you back the rest of your time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens Senator Maurstad, I, too, have some questions about this bill and I did not vote to advance the bill because of those questions. And I guess my main problem with it is the whole idea of alternates. And, you know, there aren't any other boards or commissions that I can think of, right off the top of my head anyway. There are some? Could you...could you respond to that, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: There are Board of Appeal, I believe, and if counsel could assist, but Board of Appeal or Board of Adjustment, one or the other also has the alternate provision and it becomes very important...I don't want to belabor this, becomes important in some of the smaller villages where it's difficult to get all the members of a small board there. You might have three or five member planning commission and so it becomes very important just to be able to get the work done.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Refresh my memory, Senator Maurstad, to what class city or village does this refer?