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two courses of action. One is to petition the district court to ask whether or not the statement meets those three criteria; or they can ignore that, file their own response, and let the process work as normal. And frankly, if I were guilty of, let's say, nonfeasance, which I am, usually, at home anyway, I might consider just letting the process work, because certainly, if a court determines one of those three standards is not met, the application goes away. But if it's met, I can understand how the public might interpret that to be a conviction or a reaffirmation that something did in fact happen. The person being recalled does have the option of not going through that process. And it's just...it's a matter...I think, a philosophical matter, that should one be recalled for a reason, a specific reason, or not, I happen to believe that there needs to be grounds to recall someone, as opposed to, they don't like the color of one's shirt. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, thank you. Further discussion? Senator Redfield. I'm sorry. There is an amendment to the amendment. I failed to recognize the Clerk. Mr. Clerk, you're recognized.

CLERK: Senator Louden would move to amend the Mines amendment with AM2915. (Legislative Journal page 1197.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President. It's true that people start recall drives for petty reasons. It's also true that people cast their votes in the first place for petty reasons. The recall should be treated no differently than the election. It's an unpleasant side effect of having the recall in the first place, but that's the way our republican system of government works. It's not always neat and tidy, and it's not always based on noble intentions, but it's what we have and it's what we should protect from tinkering with. The well-intentioned effort to tidy up what can be a messy process isn't exactly correct. It suggests that the voters, that we don't think they're smart enough to exercise the right to vote, which is what a recall is all about. I think it would be offensive to our constituents to pass a restriction on the