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questions about the possible ramifications. Should there be an appeal process? And if so, of what should that appeal consist? It could go on and on and on, this process, till a point is reached where, in effect, recall no longer exists. I will support Senator Louden's amendment. But if it doesn't go, I wanted language to be in the bill which was at least somewhat more reasonable than the original language was, in my opinion. I'm going to continue listening to the debate, and just see what happens. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion? Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President. What this really gets down to is, are you going to take recall out of the hands of the people and put it in the court, or are you going to leave it with the percentage of voters that are required to file for a recall. Right now, you've got to have 35 percent of the voters that voted for that particular office in the last election sign a petition in order to have a recall petition. So this is what our government is all about. This is government by the people. When you go and change it so that you have a court decide, there's nothing in the amendment that says whether that court has to decide in ten days or whether it has to decide in six months or whatever. And when you talk about going with...where they don't have to have any counsel or anything, then you're telling me then, I guess, we're putting recall election down in small claims court, because that's about what that amounts to. So I think that as far as the other part for the descriptions, that part I don't have that much of a problem with. I must say that the way it's worked, so far, it's worked quite well for many years, I guess since Nebraska's probably been a state. If someone thinks that it has to be more clearly defined, then that's quite all right, and I can probably live with that. But I really do think that if we start putting some of this into the hands of the court, then we're asking for more problems than probably what we can get. First of all, a judge or someone couldn't make up his mind for a length of time. What...when you have people that are from different areas, right now it says it's in the court that they live in. But then again, there's school boards, there's school districts that cover...probably go