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SENATOR WALDRON: I've got an amendment on 1255 and I think I'm just standing up getting ready.

PRESIDENT: What...

CLERK: Are you ready of 1255?

PRESIDENT: Just a moment. Stand by. Once again, the Chair would like to renew his plea to please clear the floor? Get the senators in their seats.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President. Motion read.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would ask this bill be returned for this specific amendment. As I expressed earlier in this body, I have a Class II school district out west. They have an evenly ... first of all there are six members on each of these school boards. They have an evenly divided school board. They are almost unable to function whatsoever. Now, I don't know which side is going to win if they have a recall petition. That will be up to the people in that school district. But this would allow school board members of just Class II school districts to be recalled as the same way procedure on a petition election procedure as county officials and this is what they have asked me to do and this bill will be germane to this bill and it is my bill and I would like to have this amendment adopted. If there is any questions I would be happy to try to answer them for you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, did you wish to be recognized? On this bill.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I just want to ask a question. I know that most school boards are even numbered but why don't we make school boards odd-numbered? Then there wouldn't be happening.

SENATOR WALDRON: Well, we can't hardly do it this year because it is election year. That's the big problem for this year. That's what I started out to do, Senator Syas, but we found out election year. I couldn't get it accomplished this year and then some people thought it would be too disruptive at this time. Now, if we were to pass it next year and have it go into affect the following election and have the new member elected it would be fine with me. But this is the only way I think we can take care of this specific problem I have this year. So I hope that we could adopt this amendment. Now, if there is other comments I would be glad to hear them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BARNETT: A question of Senator Waldron.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR BARNETT: If he would yield.

PRESIDENT: Stand by. Senator Waldron, Senator Barnett has a question.

SENATOR BARNETT: You say this subject would be germane and my next question is this. I've had some requests about the school board in our own town as to membership. Is there