

to legislate to matters relating to public schools. Public schools are not organized under the city ordinances. They are organized and created under state statutes. We are the ones that make state statutes, we modify state statutes, and when we find that they are deficient and situations in the statutes did not contemplate adequately we bring about changes. This is one of those situations. This is 1974, not 1864. This is time for a change to occur, and I'm asking you, I'm recommending that you bring about a change in the procedure by which we place people on this school board. I ask you to defeat Senator Syas motion to kill this bill and to adopt mine all across the way to final passage. One comment in Senator Syas' behalf, he often obtains a ride down here and back home with Bernie Geiger who is a lobbyist for the Omaha School District, he can deny that that has anything to do with the way he votes or the issues that he decides to expound, but we all know that....

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers, I don't want to interrupt you but in the opinion of the Chair that is a personal remark.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, strike that from the records, but it is true never-the-less, and I'm not going to refer to that again, I'll just say to proverb, if you walk with those who are lame, you yourself will learn to limp.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly, followed by Senators Mahoney, Cavanaugh, Nore, Carpenter and Fred Carstens.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the legislature.

SPEAKER: Excuse me, Senator Kelly has the floor.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker....-

SPEAKER: Excuse me again, Senator Kelly, Senator Stahmer is having light trouble, his light doesn't work up here and he has been asking for the floor so I am going to let Senator Stahmer follow you. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: I refrain from voting in the city-council district election in the city of Omaha and I thought that was strictly a local matter. The school districts of the state of Nebraska are features of the state and I don't believe that the school district matters are entirely local. I believe that this should be done in the legislature, I believe that this is the place to do it, and I do believe that district representation and I will support Senator Chambers bill and I will vote against indefinite postponement.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to speak in opposition to the kill motion offered by Senator Syas. I would like to make a few observations if I could. Having served on the Omaha school board, I think not only do I know what membership it has but I also think that I know how it operates and why it operates. I think that if we were to characterize this debate, we could characterize it with the word just a...a...disingenuous because we are talking about in essence of putting a band-aid on a problem that needs major surgery. I suspect that no harm could come from adopting Senator Chambers bill, possibly hopefully some good could come from it. God knows that it is not going to revolutionize anything in the metropolitan Omaha School situation, which is probably