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CLERK: Mr. President, there will be inserted in the Journal an Attorney General's opinion number 76, addressed to Senator Bereuter on LB 410.

PRESIDENT: When we recessed we were discussing Senator Savage's amendment to LB 423. The lights I had on at that time were Senators Kelly, Nichol, Goodrich, Koch, Syas, Anderson and Swigart. So the Chair will now recognize Senator Ralph Kelly to conclude his . . . sir.

SENATOR SYAS: (mic inactivated) . . . call the attention of the Chair that I don't see Senator Chambers. I think he should be here on his own bill.

PRESIDENT: Well I sure do too. We've got a lot of work to do. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Can we go on to the next bill and take up this one when . . .at the end of Select File?

PRESIDENT: Well not very well. We've waited this long, we might just as well proceed with it. We've had a lot of people talk and a lot more are going to. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I'm glad that some of the Omaha Senators are back. I have such an important thing to say. I've not spoken before on this bill because I didn't think it was much of my business. Since I live 450 miles from Omaha I certainly didn't feel that I was qualified to solve the problems in Omaha, if they have one. Up till now it hasn't affected my area at all. Now, as I understand it, it might. This is when I come to attention. In spite of my neighbor having well intentions, we have a machine that we think is running right, so we don't want to fix it, as Senator Warner would say. We have no intention or desires to go back to the way it was many many years ago to electing these officials by districts. It is working well. We elect people we think are qualified, no matter where they live within the area. I would oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, do you wish to be heard at this time on this amendment? Senator Koch. You had your light on before we recessed on the Savage amendment.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body. It appears as though Senator Savage has once again introduced the right amendment to test out our principles, whether or not we really believe that by electing people by district it makes them more responsible. Therefore, I will support the Savage amendment. I generally believe that what's good for one area is good for the state totally when we're talking about legislation of this dimension. I don't think that we should pick out any one little area and say if it's good for you, the rest of us can get along without it because we're so responsible.