

SENATOR NEWELL: Do you think that would be a good provision for this bill?

SENATOR LAMB: I don't think it is all that important.

SENATOR NEWELL: Do you think that a mileage requirement might, in fact, add something to this bill so that you get somebody from the same general area as....?

SENATOR LAMB: I think the local people responsible can handle that situation without legislation on our part.

SENATOR NEWELL: In other words you just basically struck, completely struck, any residency requirements and replaced it with no other geographical requirements or anything like that.

SENATOR LAMB: That is correct.

SENATOR NEWELL: That is the purpose? You don't want to do anything like that. Would you accept an amendment to provide a five mile radius around the city?

SENATOR LAMB: No, I would oppose that.

SENATOR NEWELL: You'd oppose that.

SENATOR LAMB: Because some doctors live six miles outside of the city.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well how about six miles?

SENATOR LAMB: Well they might live seven miles.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well then how about seven miles?

SENATOR LAMB: I do not want to delineate the mileage.

SENATOR NEWELL: You don't want to delineate the mileage? Thank you. That is all I have.

PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. Chairman, members. I rise to support Senator Lamb. Having served on the Health Board for five years, these little technicalities, I think, stand in the way of progress. There is no need to have this rigid restriction that the doctor has to be from within the city. Just because he's outside the city, or even in the county, or the next county, it depends upon the appointing people, their judgement, whether he is good or not. They can reject him and go to another city or another county. They ought to have the freedom to pick a qualified person, regardless of where he lives. As related to Newell's reflection upon Omaha, I think if they would choose somebody from there he'd be excellent. We have wonderful doctors in Omaha.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak. Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: I move for the question.