

would deceive the body as he did. He said this was a 9 x 12 sheet of paper and it is 8 1/2 x 11, Senator Lamb. That's...wanted to make sure we get that into the record, first of all. Then he changed to 8 x 10. Notice he is getting all around the facts, but he is not really coming right in on the central issue. I oppose the Lamb amendment. Basically, Senator Lamb, who understands this issue very well, has found the heart of the bill and by proposing this amendment is basically suggesting we remove the heart from the body and let the body stay there if this amendment is adopted. There are still some good things in LB 444, but the major thrust of the bill will be abolished if this amendment is adopted. The purpose of the bill, as Senator Landis indicated, is to provide greater representation, fairer representation within the process of voluntary school district reorganization on a local level. We have with the adoption of the committee amendments, we have done a somewhat better job of apportioning the representation on the committees although we haven't changed it all that much. I request to a question from Senator Smith here, I asked the Department of Education to break down what would happen with the representation on the Adams County reorganization committee under 444. They basically think it would be unchanged. It would still be a committee dominated by essentially the rural interests, two from Class VI district, one from a Class I district, one from Class II district and only two then from the Class III district from Hastings. Senator Lamb has argued, brought in the Westside analogy as an argument. I think that is essentially a straw man argument at this point. This bill was brought to us from rural Nebraska with rural Nebraskans who live in some of the smaller cities saying, the process is not working. I have not had anybody from Douglas County come forward and say, the manner in which we organize our school district in this county is unfair and it is not working. They bring in the bill sometime, we'll have a hearing on it and we'll listen to their arguments, see what the arguments are as far as maintaining or changing the Westside situation. This is a bill that came from those who live in cities in rural Nebraska requesting some changes. The real heart of Senator Lamb's argument is if we abolish the unit ruling we're going to allow the evil folks, those evil folks who live in Gering, those evil folks who live in Scottsbluff, those evil folks that live in Broken Bow, we're going to allow their vote to count the same as the vote of an individual who lives in a Class I district if we pass the bill in its current form. I frankly don't think those folks in Hastings or Gering or Broken Bow or Crawford or any of the other small to medium sized municipalities in western