

are elected, by district. It should be the way our larger counties are elected as well, and here is the reason, if it's appropriate to have district election for the smaller counties, it's even more appropriate to have it for the larger, to have to run in a population of 200,000 on a county wide basis is an extremely difficult thing for people to do, even be harder for Douglas County with a much larger population. So, if it's appropriate to have people elected by district in a smaller county, it makes even more sense then I think in a more populated county. So, since that's the way most of the counties are, and that's the system that I think makes the most sense, I would certainly ask you to oppose the kill motion and allow us to advance the legislation.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Is there anyone else wishing to speak on the motion to indefinitely postpone? Seeing no one, Senator Warner, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the issue here really is not which system, but whether or not the citizens of Lancaster County should have one imposed on them, or retain the system that permits them to make a choice, and that system is there. I see a letter that was sent by the current county board, which was sent to the Government and Military Affairs indicating they wanted to...that we want our constituents to retain their options for district election, which is the way the law is now. The option is there. Isn't really an issue whether or not we, members of the Legislature who are unaffected, want to impose a system upon the body...upon the constituents...the residents of Lancaster County, but whether or not should they be allowed to make that decision themselves when the statute permits it now. And I would argue that that system, where they can choose two different ways to go, choose how the issue might be placed on the ballot and then make a decision is the right way to be done. Locally, within a county, the citizens ought to have that choice and not have some system imposed upon them. I'd ask the body to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. You've heard Senator Warner's closing on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 466. We will now proceed to vote. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the motion to indefinitely postpone. A simple majority is required. Have you all voted? Senator Warner.