

the NRDs from these subdistricts, especially in the metropolitan areas or the urban areas. And the NRDs that I am a resident of have discovered this so they elect eleven directors at large from the entire district. And the people that tend to run are those that are really interested in soil and water qualities and erosion and the NRD goals. And it seems to me that even in the large districts such as Central Platte that perhaps four or five subdistricts with three or four directors elected at large from within those subdistricts would be a respectable answer to this problem for those particular types of NRDs. And perhaps the Upper Big Blue or the Lower Big Blue would match those kinds of situations. But I don't know that the urban areas of Lancaster County or the Lower Platte South would. And I might ask... Senator Beutler is no longer in here, maybe Senator Wesely might answer a question. I know you've talked about one man, one vote for the Lower Platte South NRD. And in our situation, the problem is solved very nicely with everyone running at large. Would you anticipate such a possibility for the Lower Platte South, that the directors are all elected at large?

SENATOR WESELY: I don't think so. And I think it would probably not be in the rural districts' interest because Lincoln is such a heavy population base then if you run at large I think we would determine...

SENATOR ELMER: Well, I don't know that the situation would be similar to what we have out there in the urban areas if they've gone to subdistricts they have trouble finding candidates to fill the positions.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, we have plenty of candidates usually.

SENATOR ELMER: I would assume so because you have a large enough population. Okay. But the main question was are we going to have any change in the ability of an NRD to elect their directors at large or to have maybe three or four subdistricts with directors elected at large within them?

SENATOR WESELY: No, I think that's a choice they can make.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Does anyone else wish to address the amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator McKenzie? Closing is waived. We'll now vote