

Legislature, Erin Hallstrom and Morgan Hallstrom are here from Syracuse, and Laura Sedlacek from Lincoln is here under the north balcony. And Senator Crosby would like to announce that Ashley Horne is here visiting from Lincoln, under the north balcony. Will all of you please stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Jensen, your light is next.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise in opposition to this amendment. Actually I've been a builder and developer in the City of Omaha for 35 years. Most of that development that I done was outside the city limits, yet it was by the jurisdiction of the city and was within that three mile limit. If we would add two members who reside outside the corporate limits of the city I think we really are disproportionate when we talk about a one man, one vote rule in that you would have 1 percent of the population with...and 99 percent within the city limits, but that 1 percent now would have a 29 percent representation as opposed to 71 percent of the city. That approach really runs counter to that one man, one vote rule. I don't think it's been a problem in the past. Prior to coming to the Legislature here I spent seven years on the Omaha City Zoning Board of Appeals. We dealt with cases inside, outside the city with equal care and concern, and I just don't think it's an approach that needs to be done at this time. I have a map of the City of Omaha and the three mile jurisdiction and it surely shows to me that we really do not need two members outside the city limits or a board of seven members. So I would urge that you not adopt AM1794. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. Not being from Douglas County this doesn't directly affect me. But just out of curiosity, Senator Pedersen, was this a bill? I mean this was a bill? And then can you tell me, is there a consensus on this, or is there opposition to this?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Senator Wesely,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...due to the time of this, yes, it is a bill. It has been passed out of committee, but I am not going to hold up LB 805. The mayor of Omaha has told me that he