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been working very well and I fully support Senator Venditte's amendment. I received many calls from around the Cathedral area in western part of Omaha and some in south Omaha in the last ten days saying that our ordinance is what Omaha has worked very hard for and I really believe that we should be able to keep this ordinance and work according to the ordinance and in that case I would vote for the advancement of the bill. But with Omaha included which supercedes our city ordinance, I would not be able to support the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, I have a question for Senator Sieck.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck, do you yield to Senator Wagner?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Senator Sieck, what is the population of Omaha, do you know?

SENATOR SIECK: It is over 250,000.

SENATOR WAGNER: 350,000?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes.

SENATOR WAGNER: And how many group homes would there be in Omaha?

SENATOR SIECK: According to our calculations about eighteen.

SENATOR WAGNER: About eighteen.

SENATOR SIECK: There are already ten there of this type, this type of group home. There is a lot of other group homes but ten of this type.

SENATOR WAGNER: I guess the point I would like to make, I come from Ord. We are a town of 2500 and we have two of these group homes in there and they are getting along real fine. On a ratio like that, 2 for 2500, I guess I certainly support your efforts in your work in LB 525 and I would hope Omaha would kind of give some consideration of that too.