

the last time we changed this law in terms of the numbers of people was I think 1959 but the Board of Education for Millard has determined after reviewing this process that they feel that they are better off to remain a Class III school system and it only really affects, well, I think Millard would be the only one affected by this. I can't say, Papillion might be in another ten years. They could rapidly go to that point, too, and possibly North Platte if you look at the growth of the State of Nebraska. And Lincoln Public Schools have no concern with this at all. You see, they are the only IV school in the state in class and Omaha is the only Class V and it is based upon the number of inhabitants. So we are not giving Millard any advantage except we say, "Yes, you can by under law remain a Class III school system if you think that is for the best of your patrons and for the students that you serve."

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes, the question specifically was, I know a Class III boundary is fixed by statute and cannot be altered and I was wondering if the same provisions are for Class IV. Is a Class IV boundary fixed like a Class III or is this in fact, and I am not saying it is a negative thing necessarily and I think you understand why I am very concerned about any kind of boundary situation with other legislation that is before your committee, but are they gaining some advantage... would they lose the advantage of Class III boundaries if they in fact became a Class IV? That is the thrust of my question or are IV treated the same in area of annexation?

SENATOR KOCH: No, they are under a metropolitan zoning and jurisdiction of the City of Omaha. It is a metropolitan city, the only one of its kind in the state, and they are not going to gain any position except that they feel more comfortable being in a III position, in a Class III. This is not without precedent, Senator Dworak. I told you we did it once in 1959 and that was primarily for Lincoln, but as far as annexation, the City of Omaha has complete power on annexation and that does not affect the city whatsoever.

SENATOR DWORAK: No, but if the city would annex.

SENATOR KOCH: They have annexed Millard in case you forgot.

SENATOR DWORAK: Okay, if they annexed Millard, the school district does not follow the city's annexation because Class III boundaries are frozen, if they are a III. Now my question is, does that becoming a IV alter that boundary rule in any way?

SENATOR KOCH: No, their boundaries will remain static.

SENATOR DWORAK: Maybe, I see Senator Warner waving his head