

through the initiative process requiring 5% to sign to place this on the ballot. The other alternative that they would have would be for the Omaha School Board through a majority vote to place this on the ballot and having talked with the election commissioner earlier this week, I am advised that if the amendment were adopted, and if the bill were enacted into law and they had this information by April 13th it could be placed on the May 12th general election ballot in the City of Omaha.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you. I'm afraid Larry I can't support your amendment. I do not believe that you should penalize the school districts in the two communities by treating them one way and then saying to the rest of the state you can do it a different way. It is either all or none at all. That seems to be the philosophy that this legislature has been going with the last three or four years and I'm afraid I just can't support your amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to be recognized again?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this bill as drafted attempted to bring equity to all positions as it relates to limitations. You must be reminded that very few communities have elections in off years. Now the City of Omaha and the City of Lincoln do have, but that is in relation to their elected officials of the government of that city. Now then you look at other communities in the state and they have elections state wide just like we do. They run 82, 84, 86, 88 except if they have a special election. So what we are doing here is we are assuming that all communities have the same election process, and that is not correct. The other factor is that we all know in this time span to get 5% of the signatures in this brief period of time is not very logical and secondly I would remind you that even though Lee Terry and I called him prior to Senator Stoney also, he did say that if this were there and it could be placed on the ballot by April 13th it could be. But I want to remind you that that is a very short period of time. I am not willing to take that extra effort to expedite this bill for that purpose. You already know that Senator Stoney has always supported the lid limitation and many of us feel that they have gone through their two years of hell and why extend it. I think if the people of Omaha want to exercise the limitation again the vehicle is here and let them do it. I would hope that this body does not at