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have that much interest in it and that much energy when this bill was introduced and when they had the hearing on it, then if they would expend part of that energy and part of that enthusiasm even yet to get out there and carry a petition, then they shouldn't have any problem. But it is just fundamentally wrong and as a matter of fact it infuriates me that they come to us and say, here, you guys do it for us, we don't want to have to go out there in the streets and carry a petition. We want you to just simply say, you have to have an election, period, and be done with it. Well I can tell you quite honestly and I will tell the people that might be out back of the glass doors and anybody in here that might be in favor of this if I would have known....if I would have known that you were going to be trying this, I would have never let this bill out of committee, and quite frankly when that group comes in my office next year and wants something.....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR VICKERS:they are going to have to be pretty doggone sure what their reasoning is for getting it because I don't like these kind of tactics. I wouldn't like these kind of tactics if it was a farm school district where I live. I think we should make our decisions locally. I don't want this body making the decisions for us, and I don't think that we should be making that decision for those local people here either. So I obviously oppose the Fowler amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am sorry that Senator Vickers feels so vehement about the situation but I for one speaking for some of the other Lincoln Senators as well don't feel that we have circumvented the intent of our efforts all along. We were introducing this bill to mandate that we go to district elections and it was felt that the people of Lincoln ought to have a chance to vote on that, and so we agreed with those Lincoln representatives that were opposed to the idea of district elections that at least the people should have a chance to vote on it. So we struck upon a compromise that I thought was going to be carried to the Education Committee and proposed. Evidently there was a mix-up in communication at that time and Senator Vickers wasn't clarified on it and I apologize for that, but that was the intent all along from the Lincoln representatives. At the time the bill came up on General File I did mention the fact that we were expecting amendments that would place this on

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