

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think that's what it would do.

SENATOR WESELY: So instead of having a situation where you have a mayor's race and four council seats one year and then just three council seats two years later...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR WESELY: ...you would have them all, all of them in the same year?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and eventually, although there has been some opposition to this, there may be an attempt to stop the city elections from being off year and having them run at the regular, you know, when the other types of offices are run for. But that has not been adequately researched yet.

SENATOR WESELY: And this comes from the last election. If I do recall, you had very poor interest in the three council seats and almost no real public participation in that process. Is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, in reality, throughout the country and I don't think it can be blamed on the fact that there are district elections in Omaha, you had a presidential election where I think less than 50 percent of the eligible people to vote turned out and voted. So when that happens at the national level and it's happening at state...in states throughout this country, what happened in Omaha is not attributable completely to the fact that just three people ran. Although there was a low turnout, it is felt that a part of that is explainable by the fact that only three people ran and each one apparently was so satisfactory to the members of the district who were being represented that a lot of others did not turn out. I'm trying to prolong the discussion to make the issue seem as important as some people feel that it is.

SENATOR WESELY: (Laughter.) The school board, they are up at the same time or not? Are they going to be staggered? Do you know how that ties into your...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There will be no change in the school board or any other election, only the City Council. And, as I say, it