

motion, Senator Lynch, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I do intend to support the motion to reconsider, but I thought it was worth mentioning because I didn't do it last year when Ernie had a bill reconsidered that...Ernie did, on the floor, when we did ask to reconsider the return of the motorcycle helmet bill to Final Reading after it was killed so we could reconsider it, that testimony was that since Vard wasn't here and whatever the reason might be wasn't here, we have to take our chances on those kinds of things. I remember Gary voted against the motion for the reconsideration. I just want to let you know that I intend to oppose, to oppose this, and I can explain now if I should, but I do intend to support the motion to reconsider it for the purpose of a vote. And the reason I oppose it, Ernie, is simple. I don't think it really does any good at all. I know it wasn't necessarily your idea but, in my opinion, and so that all of you understand, it is kind of interesting. You know, to be elected a county commissioner in Douglas County takes about 100,000 votes. To be elected the Mayor of Omaha, interestingly enough, which is a romantic and seemingly important responsibility, takes about 35,000. The point is, obviously, there isn't that much interest in voting during a city election. So if you change the system from electing people alternately, four one time and three the next time, it is still an off-year election, there still won't be that kind of interest. And if we really want to seriously develop more interest in the election and make it possible for people to conveniently vote in these elections, the bill probably should have been to have the city elections, including the election of the mayor, at the same time the general elections are held just a few months prior to that when you elect all of your county officials and state and national officers as well. So for that reason, I will oppose...I will support the reconsideration so it can have another vote because of the obvious justified circumstances of the weather. I understand Prazan totalled out his car on the way down here, so I can understand that as well, that's too bad. But in any case, I will and do intend to vote against the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Lamb, Smith and Moore.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I, too, rise to support this motion to reconsider, even though I