

responsive to the community and basically ramrodded things through and if it had not been for the fact that we do have staggered elections in Hastings, those people would still be able to be there yet, many of them. And what this does, as far as I am concerned, is create accountability or at least to a larger degree. If, in fact, the next election that comes up and you have the staggered elections, some of those people are going to get the message from their electorate if, in fact, they have not been accountable and they are going to be removed and, hopefully, the remainder of the body are going to get the message and they are going to start shaping up, if you want to call it that. That is really my only reason and I know that this does not apply to anyone but Omaha, Ernie, but I tend to agree with Senator Lamb, that we start with something in the state as law and it sort of is like what we call "creepyism" I guess, it can...soon it will be everywhere in the state and I have a concern about that. The rest of my time goes to Senator Hannibal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President and thank you, Senator Smith. I was going to just rise because for Senator Schimek's concerns of the procedures here. This is more of a clarification. The procedures here is we're going to have this discussion on reconsideration. If the bill is reconsidered, there will be no more discussion. If the vote is affirmative to reconsider, there will be no more discussion and there will be no more motions, there will be no Final Reading. All that we will do, if this is an affirmative vote, is we will take a vote on the bill. So now is the time, this is the only time we'll have for discussion. Now is the time to voice support or objections for the bill, and that is why I asked Senator Smith to give me just a moment of her time. I do want to talk in favor of the bill, but I don't want to take her time to do that, but this will be the only time we'll have for discussion on the pros and the cons of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senators Chambers, Chizek and Nelson.

SENATOR MOORE: Just for the sake of Senator Hannibal, Senator Schimek is filing an amendment, as I speak, I think, and so maybe she is going to file an amendment dealing with the staggered elections and that motion will be in order after the