

reconsideration. I guess my notion is to go ahead for a variety of reasons. I will support the reconsideration, (1) because there were not...there were very few senators here that day. I don't like the bill but possibly if we can discuss Senator Schimek's motion to return to Select File after we reconsider, we can get the bill in the form that I can vote for it, and now that she's got the amendment filed, I'll quit talking.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers. Senator Smith yielded her time to Senator Hannibal. You were next, followed by Senator Chizek, then by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm gratified at the concern that people have for the City of Omaha and the way its council is elected, but I'm wondering why...let me ask Senator Lamb a question, if I may.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb, would you respond?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lamb, are you aware that Omaha, at one time, elected its council members at large?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that all of them were elected at the same time when it was at large?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that didn't bother you in terms of trying to get an amendment so that they would have to have staggered elections, did it?

SENATOR LAMB: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that could have been an example that would creep across the state and cause every other council to be elected at the same time rather than staggered, couldn't it?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But in all those years, it never happened, did it?