

largest county in the state, the county board is elected at large due to some shenanigans and manipulations that have occurred and will continue to occur in Douglas County politics. All the other county boards, or practically all of them, I believe all of them, are elected by district. So we'll have a chance to bring Douglas County into conformity with the rest of the state in terms of how members reach that board and we will not make it available just for the wealthy and those who are politically positioned to get that slot. But that is not the discussion or the issue today and what Senator Lynch mentioned is something...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that should be considered apart from what we are doing here today. The stagger should be eliminated. We then have one off-year election for city elections in Omaha. The mayor and all members of the city council will be elected during that off year. If consideration then would be given to putting the city election at the same time as the other elections, I wouldn't have any objection to that at all. As a matter of fact, the only argument given is that the city elections would be engulfed and swallowed up by what had been called the more important offices and this argument has been given by some of those who hold these city offices. But I wish you could keep that separate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I was a little dismayed this morning as I heard some of the discussion in regards to reconsideration on the bill. One of my colleagues, I think, commented that he didn't really care what Omaha did, that it really wasn't a concern of his and I just happened to think that, though I happen to be a state senator representing the 31st District, I still have some strong concerns about what happens in this state and, Senator Lamb, I would say I'm concerned about what happens in Anselmo. I would also say that I'm concerned about what happens in Kearney State. I would also say that last year as an Omaha senator I was concerned about the Curtis Ag School. Now we're talking about a situation that developed that has an impact or an effect on Omaha and I find it somewhat disconcerting that some of my colleagues have that attitude. I support the reconsideration motion and I intend to support the bill. I just think you should stop and think a