

elected by district and I think that is the way to go. Also, they are elected with staggered elections. There was a little discussion here about urban versus rural and I'd just like to touch on that just a little bit. It's true that some of us rural senators get involved in urban issues. Like two years ago we had LB 775 and I think it told us with the results of that vote that there are rural senators that are sympathetic to Omaha and to the larger cities and vice versa. I remember several years ago when we had the farm crisis, the urban senators certainly arose to that crisis and helped us in the rural areas out and we're appreciative of that. Also, right at the present time the Ag Committee has the Douglas County and Ak-Sar-Ben bill and, Senator Chambers, I believe you're on...you're against that bill, but I, as a rural senator, sometimes wonder why we have to get involved in these issues. But my position on that bill, I said, yes, I will vote for that bill providing that the people in Douglas County will have a voice, that the people in Douglas County have an opportunity to vote and we were successful in getting that amendment on. And so I think that we all need to work together and I realize that the Omaha senators disagree among one another every once in awhile because here I have some of you lobbying me saying to support the Douglas County Ak-Sar-Ben bill and then I have Senator Chambers and some other senators say, Senator Hefner, we've got to kill this bill. So you see...but we all have our opportunity to listen to the proponents and the opponents of a certain issue and then go ahead and vote, and so I'm going to vote for...to bring this bill back, to adopt the Schimek amendment and then go on from there.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I thought I should get another nickel's worth in. This is, in fact, a hangnail bill I think Ernie called it, or a nothing bill, a peanut bill, I don't know what it was, but...but the very fact that he said that indicates the very fact that what Senator Schimek suggests really is no more or less significant than the bill itself. It is at least as important as what we're considering and it's all kind of interesting and in some ways very silly. Shouldn't even be considering it all, in my opinion. I failed to mention before and I did want to mention, and since it is on the issue it's appropriate and germane, that when I mentioned if I were Gary, if my intention was to vote against the legislation as with the motorcycle helmets, I should have voted against the