

say you know it's probably fair if the majority are gone, for whatever reason, and the minority can speak, at that point the minority should rule. And that is not a principle of government that anyone in this particular body would stand up and defend. We are on a majority basis, whether we agree with the majority or not. The minority has a chance to speak out, but when we get a chance to debate in a democratic society, for all districts, for all 49 districts to be represented in their state government, it is a wise decision, it is the best decision in any democracy that the majority of those districts have a voice that is heard. To argue on the floor that we want to have a minority of districts represented on a vote, and the other districts are not there, therefore that is the decision we should go with, is not a very sound democratic argument. The other thing I'd like to point out on the particular philosophical question that Senator Korshoj wanted to so conveniently put into a yes or no, is that we in the State of Nebraska decided years ago to have a citizen Legislature. With a citizen Legislature comes all the benefits and all the problems with that. We are all citizens. We do have other jobs we have to go to. We do have other priorities. We are paid \$12,000 and some times we just can't stay here because other obligations of our business and our livelihood for our families takes us away. That is one of the down sides of having a citizen Legislature, Senator Korshoj. There are times that members of the body would like to be here, they should be here, they want to be here, but just cannot. That happens very often. I suspect there are times that all of us unfortunately have to be gone on a particular day or another. If the citizens of Nebraska would like to say, you know, we'd like to have you there, we'd like to have you free of financial obligations so we're going to pay you a salary that is commensurate to that, then that may help that particular problem. But until that time we are stuck with a citizen Legislature and what that entails. The other thing on fairness, again in closing, the reconsideration motion was offered and really nothing in regard to 262. A feeling of the democratic process is that the best decisions made in democracy, though the decision may not be right, the fairest decision in a democratic society has had the most number of people represented in that vote. On the amendment that we were previously recon...that we previously reconsidered and supported I would suggest that the reconsideration motion was democratically in principle in line, because when the majority of the districts of the people, through their representatives, spoke they said, you know we did