

here from Senator Labeledz and from Senator Chambers. So I will just explain the three...three of the things that the committee amendments do that are not going to be addressed by their amendments, and then we'll deal with theirs as they come up. First of all it allows for the drawing of the district boundaries in 1991. The original bill called for drawing the boundaries in 1989. The committee felt that what that would do is we would use the old census to draw some in 1989, then we'd have to redraw those boundaries again in 1991. This is...we will draw the boundaries in 1991. Then the other one is that the alteration of the districts and any subsequent changing of the district boundaries would be done by the county election commissioner rather than by the county board. This was an amendment by the committee that we felt would make the bill work better. And the third thing that they do is they simply harmonize the sections of LB 588 with the rest of the bill that is there. I think those are the main things that the committee amendments do. I think now we're going to have...there are some amendments there by Senator Chambers and also by Senator Labeledz and we will find out more about the bill as we discuss those amendments. So, with that, I would just urge your adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the committee amendments is from Senator Labeledz. It's AM1125. (Labeledz amendment is on pages 1393-95 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment leaves the number of seats on the Douglas County Board at five, instead of the proposed seven in LB 588. It also provides that the Douglas County Commissioners will be nominated by district and elected at large. Currently they are nominated and elected at large. This amendment also changes the bill so that the county board will do alteration of district boundaries instead of the election commissioner, as proposed in Senator Chambers' bill. Finally, the bill allows for the alteration of district boundaries in Douglas County once every ten years. My amendment would make it once every four years, and that would be continuing the current practice. Now many of you in the last couple of days, and I thought it was a very good letter that was sent to you by Howard Buffett who is one of the members, new