

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they take care of a certain stratum of society, and did you say time?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, this one sentence to finish. Senator Wesely, when we got district elections in Omaha there was some language about socioeconomic considerations in the drawing of district boundaries. And on Select that could be done, but I'd like to check that language and make it appropriate for a county bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek, followed by Senators Goodrich, Korshoj, Labeledz and Withem.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, it's unusual for me to get up and oppose my colleague, Senator Labeledz. She's right about 99 percent of the time, but this is one time she's wrong, 1 percent, Bernice. You know as Senator Schimek said, carrying it a step further as far as legislative nominated by district, elected at large, could you imagine Senator Baack, how he would do in District 66. I think he might have some difficulty in that district. But the point that I'm trying to make is that I think when you're elected, when you're nominated by district in the primary and the General Election I think there's accountability. In fact that's kind of what we're talking about here is accountability. I'll cite an example to you in my particular district. The northwest part of my district, which touches Senator Korshoj's district, I have...it's a low populated area, small communities, Bennington, et cetera. I have three landfills in that district within five miles of one another. Now I can assure you there would be a lot more attention paid to the problem that the people in this community are experiencing if that county commissioner represented the district that included these people. I will tell you, colleagues, it has been a long, lonely fight and it's still not over. But it's my district and I'm going to represent them to the best of my ability. I think if the county commissioner were elected from that district they would have concerns as strong as I do. My point is it's accountability when we elect by districts. That's why I oppose Senator Labeledz's amendment and support Senator Chambers' bill. Senator Chambers, you can have