

the rest of my time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't want Bernice to stand up here all alone getting picked on (laughter), so I rise in wholehearted support of Senator Labeledz. Two or three points, one of which is I don't think we need the seven county commissioners in Douglas County that the Chambers amendment would call for, especially when you consider like Senator Labeledz said the number of elected department heads that we have in the county. Add to that the fact that nominating by district and then electing at large guarantees district representation. But it also gives us the advantage of having the whole county have a voice in who is elected, so that we don't continue this downward spiral of those interested in elections, local elections. I'm, as I say, wholeheartedly in support of the concept of let them be nominated by district, guaranteeing district elections, but let the whole county have the voice on the election so that we can maintain that interest county wide in county elections that we have seen deteriorate in the city elections. We can avoid that deterioration if we just let the whole county have the voice at the General Election and nominate by district. So I support Senator Labeledz.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The gentleman from Herman, Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands to cease debate? I do. Those in favor of closing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Labeledz, would you care to close on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, I will. I have a question for Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, could you respond.