

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I shall attempt to.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Chambers, very briefly, you mention the fact that you are opposed to the excessive campaign expenditures of certain county board commissioners. Why can't you introduce an amendment to LB 588, and I will co-sponsor it with you, putting a cap on expenditures for any campaign, including yours and mine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Labeledz, what I said was I didn't express a judgment about that amount of money, although I have an opinion. What I did was stated just a fact of how much it costs to try to get on the Douglas County Board. So an amendment of the kind that you're talking about I don't think would attach well to the bill, and that is an area that I've never tried to do anything on.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. I have a question for Senator Wesely. Since you're not there, I'll try Senator Schimek. I'll take Senator Schimek, first.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schimek, could you respond to a question.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Schimek, inasmuch as you said that you oppose what Lancaster...the way Lancaster County elects their county commissioners, why haven't you introduced a bill or prepared an amendment to change the method that Lancaster County elects their county commissioners? From what I heard you say it is a very bad situation. As a state senator I think it is your obligation to change it. I put an amendment on Senator Chambers bill, because I feel what he's trying to do is bad. And I will oppose the bill if this amendment is not attached. Why can't you introduce an amendment to LB 588 and change the way Lancaster County does it?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's a very good question, Senator. I have no real good answer for that. I don't feel like introducing that into this particular bill at this time. I think that it's a particular bill that is really supposed to address the idea of district elections. Since we already have some form district elections in Lancaster County, I didn't even consider it up until today and...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Schimek.