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LB 588

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...I wouldn't have, if it wouldn't have been for your amendment either.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wesely, very briefly.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: You know actually that thought has crossed my mind and maybe we'll see a bill next year. (Laughter.) We haven't had any public hearing on it, and we just need to take a look at it.

SENATOR LABEDZ: How long have you had the method that you use now?

SENATOR WESELY: We changed over back about five or six years ago to five members. I can't remember when we went to the district and then general though, I don't recall.

SENATOR LABEDZ: And you've held this opposition for five or six years.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, let's just say I think there's a better plan.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Then I certainly would come up with that other plan, if I opposed the method we elect our county commissioners, and that is why I'm opposed to LB 588 as it stands. I think, as I said before several years ago, and thanks to amendment that I later got passed, I had problems, as Senator Chizek was mentioning, about landfills in his district. When you've got a seven member city council and they're going to put compost sites and rendering plants in your district, the only one that would fight for...against the proposition, at that time, was the city council member that was representing the south Omaha area. At that time I said I would never, never go for district elections, because I want all five county commissioners and all seven city council members to be responsible for my vote and for their action when they are on the board.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I don't want to vote for only one person and