

you believe that the best system is one where everybody feels, or everybody elects a little bit of everybody that runs the county government, or if you feel you're better off having one particular individual whose feet you can hold to the fire and make accountable. I agree with what Senator Chizek had to say before. I think that is the best system. At this point, if we do not vote for the committee amendments at this point, we have basically the Chambers bill as it was introduced. And although there may have been some things in the committee amendments that would have improved the bill, my preference is to see the Chambers bill in its current form. I'll be interested in hearing what he has to say when he speaks. But at this point it's my plan to vote against the committee amendments and, pending any changes based on recommendations he will make, I would urge other members of the body to do the same.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I had made my motion to delay the bill at least until tomorrow because the one vote that I really needed to tie it up was Tim Hall's, he wasn't here. He said he would have voted against Senator Labeledz's amendment, he was for the bill. The majority of the Omaha senators who are in Douglas County do support this bill. I find out that some coming on the floor did not realize completely what Senator Labeledz's amendment did, but I'm going to say what it did, it gutted the committee amendment. The committee amendment was to replace everything in the green copy, and it became the bill. So by adopting her amendment that Moylan drafted, it destroyed everything that was in the green bill and created a situation which could have been done without her amendment, that is to nominate by district and elect at large. But the Douglas County Attorney decided that he was not going to regard that statute. That is in the bill, in the law right now with reference to Douglas County. The Attorney General was asked for an opinion, by Senator Pirsch, and he simply adopted what the County Attorney in Douglas County said and indicated that the cleanest thing to do is just to get a bill that elects by districts. Now I'm not bringing this because he suggested it, I've always been in favor of district elections. So what I'm asking you to do is to reject the committee amendments. I would like to advance the bill, and on Select I would then offer an amendment which had been drawn to fit the committee amendments, as drafted, that would put in