

issue now for the 11 sessions that I've been in this Legislature. It's a very divisive, difficult issue. And I know what Douglas County must be going through. You obviously have a split in their delegation with different viewpoints. It is probably largely because we have an equilibrium in Lancaster County, peace and harmony reign within the land of Lincoln, that I feel making that change at this point is not in the best interest of our community. We didn't feel that way on the school district issue. And a few years ago some of us sponsored a bill that we passed that went to district election of the school board. That was very divisive, very difficult, it split our delegation, it split our community. I really frankly don't care to go through that again unless there is a major concern on the county board level. I guess that's what...I'm being real honest with you about my feelings about it. I don't think the plan we have for the county board is the best plan, but it is a better plan than Douglas County's got, I'll tell you that right now. An at large system is not the best system at all, it's the worst system. The Labeledz proposal, I think, is a step in the right direction, it is not far enough. I prefer Senator Chambers' district plan, that's the better plan in my book. But frankly I'd say that the system you now have in Douglas County is the worst system that you could have. So it's a question of how far you want to go, and that is probably speaking in a way that Senator Chambers wouldn't like me to, saying that at least the Labeledz plan is an improvement. But I again emphasize I think the Chambers plan is the better plan. We now have school districts by...the school board elected by district in Lincoln, and there is one at large seat. There has been some talk that we haven't had very many candidates run for those district board seats. But I got to tell you, we've had more peace and harmony on our school board in the last couple of years, since we went to that system, than we ever had before, I think. It has been a good system, it's been a representative system. And that district plan for our school board may not have had a flock of candidates, but probably part of the reason is they've been pretty satisfied with that school board, that it's worked pretty well. And that is one of the reasons some of us don't get that much opposition, hopefully because we're doing a good job. The council district, an at large situation, the split of four and three there. We had a big fight over that. And we've gone to that system, it's an equilibrium situation. I think we're probably pretty well satisfied with it. Again, on the county board I can't even remember the last time we got into this, probably six or seven years ago. But because of these other