

time it will take to again debate the amendment, we've already voted on that, the Chairman has asked to vote against the committee amendments so a reconsideration will just take a great deal of time. You have the opportunity to vote against my amendment by voting against the committee amendment, if you so choose.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, followed by Senators Chambers, Hannibal and Scofield. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wasn't particularly thinking either to get into this issue, instead it became an issue that because some Lancaster County representatives had some concern about the method that we have, which is similar to Senator Labeledz, I decided that I would get in because I happen to very much like the system that Lancaster County has, which is the one that Senator Labeledz is offering, because it does offer that balance of responsibility to all residents of the county, at the same time protecting that area of concern through the primary and the nomination of the individuals who will be elected at the General Election. The primary...you have the geographic protection, the area protection because you have the accountability to the entire area at the General Election when we all vote. I would grant there might be a point, however, that size might make a difference. I could argue, I think, a 200,000 population county, this system is excellent. I'm not in a position to make a judgment on 400,000 population county, may make some difference in how I would treat this issue. But I want to make it very clear that for Lancaster County the system, I think, works well and I would very strenuously oppose any efforts to change the Lancaster County system, as some have suggested ought to be done, or if some feel that it has not worked well, because in my opinion it works excellent. I don't know but what it wouldn't...I think it probably also would work well in Douglas County as well, although I would grant the size could make some difference.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, Senator Hannibal on deck.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question. Senator Warner, is there an ethnic minority or racial, whichever term would apply, the size of the black and Hispanic communities in Omaha, would there be that equivalent community unrepresented in Lancaster