

sometimes between those, just those people who are against a particular thing or for. But nonetheless, on the Labeledz amendment, it is very, very possible that a district would not receive the proper representation on the board. It is very possible that the board would be able to maintain a kind of a...the status quo where minority groups would not be represented, particularly when you get to a district at large. It is very possible that the second person nominated in a minority area would be white, for example, and that person then on a district vote would be able to get in on the board because of the district traditions of how they vote in the Omaha area. Consequently, there is a very strong possibility, in my opinion, that the essence and the goal of what Senator Chambers is trying to do to get all areas and all races, if possible, at least all areas in Omaha to have a say on the board, to try to have that accomplished through this bill, 588, the Labeledz amendment would not, in my opinion, do that. And that is why I think members of the body began looking at the amendment where on the surface it appeared to be reasonable, on the surface it appeared that everyone, there would at least be a member from every area of Omaha, it may not necessarily represent the majority of the people in that area. So consequently, the people that voted changed their minds, asked for a reconsideration vote. The power then went out and we are here today on the reconsideration motion. I would ask those members I guess, as I have done previously on such cases, to even if you are in favor of the Labeledz amendment, I would ask you to vote for the reconsideration so that the Labeledz amendment can be voted on with the full understanding of the body which it was not voted on prior to this day. And I would urge at least that we get the 30 votes for reconsideration and let the amendment fall or rise on its own merits, and I thank you for your time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Bernard-Stevens mentioned the fact, and I think a couple other senators, that the power went out and afterwards, if many of you recall, coming down to me and say, how did you do that? And I said, I prayed to God and God said to me, now what do you want, Bernice, and I said, let there be darkness, and darkness came. And then you recall in the Bible he also said, let there be light and then light came and so today the lights are on and I'm asking you to vote against the reconsideration. We don't have,