

That's why I philosophically am supportive of district representation. I will be supporting the reconsideration motion. I will be then not supporting the Labeledz amendment and I will be supporting Senator Chambers' bill as it was introduced. But I'd appreciate it if the rest of you would vote the same way.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I do appreciate those who have spoken in behalf of the concept of district elections thus far and Senator Labeledz has made a number of remarks that are of concern to me. First of all, she said that it's better to have no representative from your part of the city than some representation if there is a problem confronting your part of the city and that doesn't make sense. There is nobody on the county board who is responsive, so you call five people and they turn you down and that it's better to be turned down by five than to have one person who is in there fighting for your interests. She said another thing that disturbed me even more. She made some comments that seems that she equates herself with an ordinary garden variety citizen. She said she can call the five members of the Douglas County Board and they listen to her. Well, she can get Senator Exon and former Senator Eugene Mahoney to come and speak in her behalf, but how many private citizens can do that? She is the Chairperson of the Executive Board. She has carried legislation for the Douglas County Board. So to equate herself with the common garden variety citizen is not really logical. That has to be taken with a grain of salt and discarded. But when those are the only kind of arguments that can be given, it shows that nothing of substance can be said against this bill. When we reach the point in the discussion where we're talking about the principles of representation, the arguments that Senator Labeledz gave were the kind that a person must give when they are on the wrong side of an argument and know it, but have friends who are on that side and they are so loyal to those friends they'll just go down with them when the ship goes down. Now, she had mentioned that there might be a rendering plant in south Omaha. Who do you think the people in south Omaha will contact? The senator from south Omaha. They've got somebody from south Omaha they can talk to that they identify and recognize and she constantly tells us people from my district call me, people from my district have written me, people from my district want this, need this, request this. So while everything she does in this