

would just urge the body to adopt the amendment to Senator Chambers' amendment. The amendment allows for district elections both in the general...the primary and the general elections. It allows for seven districts and allows for basically the additional members of the board to come on at the point in time that the census is done, the districts are established and would not have any detrimental effect on those individuals who are currently sitting on the county board. It basically protects them but also provides for the provisions that Senator Chambers intended with his introduction of LB 588. I would urge the adoption of the amendment to the Chambers' amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the amendment to the amendment, Senator Chambers, Senator Labeledz next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Hall doesn't want to call this a compromise but based on how I feel about compromises in general, that's exactly what it ought to be called because it does bring about changes that, as he pointed out, will not make either side completely satisfied. One thing I forgot or neglected to mention when I was speaking but Senator Hall did cover it is the fact that his amendment also would change the provision that I was putting into the bill that would require the county election commissioner to draw the boundaries. Because there is conflicting, and the Attorney General and Douglas County Attorney have indicated, conflicting and confusing language in the present law relative to election of Douglas County Commissioners, this amendment takes out a lot of that...well, all of that confusing language, but it will go back to allowing the county board members to draw the district boundaries. That was a change I was going to put in place whereby the election commissioner would do it. Senator Hall's amendment will remove the election commissioner, restore the drawing of boundaries to the Douglas County Board members which is the way it is done in county boards throughout the state. So, he changes the body that will draw the boundaries and he allows those who currently are serving and will be up for election the next time to get a full four-year at large term rather than shorten to two and then run by district after that. Because the stagger has always been a part of electing to the Douglas County Board and it differs from the city elections because it's not in an off year, but occurs with the state elections, there is no problem. So I'm going to support Senator Hall's amendment, then I hope that we will adopt my amended