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amendment and it is, in effect, a compromise.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz, followed by Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, I rise in opposition to both the Hall amendment and the Chambers amendment to LB 588. As you recall, I introduced an amendment to the committee amendment that required the number of seats on the Douglas County Board to remain at five, and, Senator Hall, may I ask a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, would you respond?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Does your amendment require seven districts rather than five?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Labeledz, my amendment would amend Senator Chambers' amendment which would not change the number of districts, so the answer is, no, but my amendment does not deal with that issue so it does not change it, so it would be seven as Senator Chambers deals with that issue.

SENATOR LABEDZ: So if your amendment is adopted and Senator Chambers' amendment is adopted, there would be seven county commissioners rather than the present five?

SENATOR HALL: Correct.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Then I strongly disapprove of the amendment of Senator Hall and also Senator Chambers. As I said before, I don't think that Douglas County requires seven county commissioners. I believe that my amendment which follows the Chambers amendment is going to require the exact number of county commissioners we have now which is five. It also nominates in the primary, by district, and in the general election they would be elected at large. At that time everyone voting in the general election would have the opportunity to vote for all five county commissioners rather than just one. And I've said it before and I'll say it again, I want every one of the county commissioners to be accountable to me and to everyone that votes. I think the general election, they should be elected at large rather than by district. There should be five county commissioners, nominated in the primary and elected at large in the general. I also feel that with seven county commissioners, it's a great deal more expense to Douglas County