

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I knew it would be difficult when I came here, and I'm going to do the best that I can, but this time I'm asking for some help.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President, I wasn't really going to speak to this amendment but it did concern me and I felt I must stand up to talk about the purpose of doing district elections. It isn't to satisfy Ernie Chambers, it isn't to satisfy one district, it isn't to satisfy one kind of people, but I passed out the maps and I wanted to show you that there is a lot of areas in Douglas County that do not have representation. And if you eliminate the number 8 at the right-hand top, which is Dan Lynch who left office in 1981, and also the 7 which is Howard Buffet who was just elected, you'll find that the predominance of that representation of Douglas County has come north of Dodge for the last 10 years within a small area. I wanted you to see that because we're not talking racial districts, we're not talking ethnic districts, we're talking about representation throughout the county. And I'm not criticizing the present commissioners. I think they have tried to do a good job, but I know that the people in my area are disturbed when they feel they cannot get through to someone who is concerned about three landfills in the northwest area, about the placing of things without rezoning in neighborhoods that should go through rezoning process and they have no one to talk to. They talked to all of the county board, yes, and you have that privilege and they have listened, but it's very difficult to sometimes feel that indeed they represent you and your community and your slice of Douglas County. So I would hope this would not get caught up into racial issues or anything but the fact that district elections give even representation to all segments of our county and that's what we want and that's why I'm supporting Senator Chambers and that's why I hope you will support him too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labedz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Pirsch mentioned representation, let me tell you about representation on the city council district. I had problems when there was going to be a compost site in south Omaha and a rendering plant and my representative stood up and fought very hard against the