

therefore my amendment was not adopted. So this is identically the same as the amendment that I offered on General File. It's found on page 2223 of your Journal. My amendment would leave the number of seats on the Douglas County Board at five instead of seven. At that time I explained to you that seven county commissioners was not needed in Douglas County. They are now paid over \$21,000 a year for meetings that are held on Tuesday morning, and in some cases not more than an hour to an hour and a half the meeting is over, and yet it is very expensive to Douglas County to actually believe that anyone would want seven county commissioners in Douglas County. The \$21,000 salary does not include the support staff and office space and whatever. The county attorney, the county assessor, the clerk of the district court, the county clerk and the public defender are all elected officials of Douglas County. I consider the five Douglas County board members that we have now as strictly administrators rather than the City Council that has ordinances and so forth. And it all...this amendment also provides that Douglas County Commissioners will be nominated by district and elected at large. I would think that that would satisfy Senator Chambers, evidently it will not. This is the procedure or the system that they have now in Lancaster County. And, according to Senator Warner, it is working very well. There are no problems. And this amendment would exactly be the same as Lancaster County, and it would provide that the county commissioners, the five would be nominated by district and elected at large. I've said it over and over again, at that point, if we accept this amendment, all five county commissioners would be accountable to the entire Douglas County rather than to a district. Finally, my amendment allows for the alteration of district boundaries in Douglas County once every four years, as it is the current practice, instead of the ten years as is proposed in Senator Chambers' bill. I might say that many of you know that I have several amendments on LB 588. I feel very strongly about it. I know that Senator Chambers feels very strongly about the bill as it is written. But let me remind you, the reason I have that many amendments on. As you recall when we first started debating LB 769, for the first two or three days Senator Chambers came up and...or stood up, and I will say at this point that Senator Chambers is very good at what he's doing. He's held up 769 for at least 20 hours of debate, maybe less, maybe more, I'm not sure. He has criticized my religion, he has criticized your beliefs. I will not stand up here and try to hold up 588 by criticizing what he believes in, which I believe is nothing, but he has done it and done it