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PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: My understanding, the...when you say at large, what...could you explain that to me just...when we say nominated by district but elected at large.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well there...

SENATOR HALL: Are we talking about...I guess...Bernice, are we talking about having everyone vote on those two representatives in that district, and then they would represent that district, or how would it work?

SENATOR LABEDZ: The commissioners...there would be two commissioners or 2 candidates nominated, the way I understand it, by district, and those 2 would go on the ballot, and there would probably be 14 then on the ballot, and they would be...7 would be elected at large, out of the 14.

SENATOR HALL: So, in other words, they would not necessarily, it would be possible that more than one can come from one district. So, even though they would be nominated by district, the possibility is there that three districts could virtually have all the representatives come out of those areas.

SENATOR LABEDZ: If they're qualified, yes, there would be two from one district. But at that...at the same time, Senator Hall, those people would be accountable to everybody in Douglas County because they would be elected in the General Election, at large, but they would be nominated, and given a chance to prove their qualifications and be elected at large in the General Election.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Labeledz.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is essentially the same amendment that had been defeated on General File twice and that we defeated the first time around. The only change is that instead of having five commissioners, there would be the seven. But the main thrust of this amendment