

based and then I want to say we have a just, fair forum and a just, fair proceeding. Not one of us would allow our opponent to select our legal representation or counsel. In this instance, we know from having seen the huge amounts of money funneled into this state already to influence senators, to affect public opinion, to persuade those who sit as county commissioners, we've seen those huge amounts of money come in. The people in that little town cannot withstand that onslaught. We are now saying that even though we're aware that they are standing against a Goliath, we will not even allow this little David to have a sling and the smooth stones. That is unfair. We're not going to appropriate to them enough money to match the expenditures of those with whom they contest. We're not going to give them more representation in terms of numbers on that monitoring committee than they already have in order that they would have a fairer shot at it. We're just saying that since they are given two voices with which to speak, they can determine one of those voices does not have to belong to a person who is considered a resident of this state. I don't see anything infamous about not living in Nebraska. Suppose we adopted the same attitude, Senator Weihing, with the football program and said the only ones who can represent Nebraska university on the football team are those who live in Nebraska, who were born in Nebraska. Yes, Senator Weihing is putting up his thumb and you'd be turning it down on the coach if he did that because he would lose every game. Basketball and other things, Senator McFarland is over here kibitzing saying, no, he wouldn't...oh, because he would schedule Lincoln Southeast sophomore team, high school. But anyway, in every instance when we talk about representation, we talk about the right of the people to be represented to select the person or persons of their choice. All that we're asking with this amendment is that this little town be allowed to select somebody who can play with the big boys, who will understand their terminology, who will not be aced from here to there because they lack knowledge and understanding of what is being presented to them. We should not want any communities in this state to be overreached and treated in an unfair manner. There will be other issues involving cities and towns and we will say they should have this choice, they should do this, they should do that, they should be protected from this, protected from that. But on one of the most crucial issues that will face...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.