

to be printed to LB 651A. (See pages 2531-32 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 588 is on Select File. The bill has been discussed on Select File, Mr. President, as of May 10. There were amendments offered by Senator Withem that were adopted. Mr. President, the amendment currently pending is by Senator Labeledz. Senator, this is your amendment that is found on page 2228 of the Journal. That's the amendment I have pending, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. As the Clerk mentioned the amendment is on page 2228 and it leaves the number of commissioners at seven, but changes the bill as it now stands so the commissioners are nominated by district and elected at large. As you know from the debate a week or so ago I preferred the commissioners to remain at five because of the expense and the fact that five commissioners is more than adequate for Douglas County. But in the meantime I have talked to many senators that say that we should leave it at seven, and the support, the election or the nomination by district and then the election at large. I believe that it's very important, though, that we do elect the commissioners at large. And I'm not going to go into the debate that we had before, when I mentioned over and over again that many of the people I talked to in Douglas County feel that they would like all seven county commissioners, if that's what it is going to be, to be accountable to them in the general election. Senator Chambers seems to think that a strict district election is better representation, but that means out of the seven district or county commissioners there would be only one commissioner that would be accountable to that district and six others would be against something and there would not be a complete representation of Douglas County if we had district elections in the general election. I think this is a compromise proposal, and I am urging Senator Chambers to agree with this amendment so we can go on with other bills other than LB 588. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the amendment, Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there will be a number of amendments on this bill. And most of