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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the motion I'm making is that the bill be advanced. It has been discussed thoroughly. There are those of you who realize that the majority of counties are elected by district. The majority of city councils are elected by districts, as are the school boards. There is something that I have to get clearly into the record partly because of a World-Herald editorial. And, Senator Lynch, I hope you will listen to this, because if I'm stating something incorrectly you can correct me. I had never said that the members...the present members of the Douglas County Board are racist, and when I brought up the issue, I had brought it up in the context of a recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court which said that the at large system of election dilutes the voting strength of minority groups. And based on that, the cases that have come before them have resulted in the imposition of district elections. So that's the context in which I mention the ethnic aspect of it. But there are multiplicity of reasons why this bill should be advanced, why it should be passed and become the law of the state. Senator Pirsch and others who have spoken in behalf of it have mentioned the interest that they have in their parts of the county. So, with that having been said, I'm asking that you vote to advance this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion? Senator Labeledz. Thank you. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, I stand certainly not to talk for long, because I sure hope we can get to LB 89 one of these days, too. But I do want to make sure that people understand. Very seldom am I ever mentioned in editorials at all, but the impression was left in that editorial, and I had to correct a lot of people who called me, in some cases thought it was wonderful. Well, that didn't do me any good, I wasn't very happy with that because they obviously misinterpreted the debate. It was very even-handed and a very calm discussion. Ernie and I had an honest disagreement, I offered him an observation from the kind of a person that we talked about being