

represented, et cetera. What concerned me was that some of the people who thought it was great did that for the wrong reasons, not for the right reasons. I never said what I said to offend Ernie or anyone else as well. So I hope we can, notwithstanding editorials or anything else, put that kind of an issue behind us. I still, I have to admit, feel that the present system is working well. There is no reason to change it at the present time. I still stand by that opinion. However, since Ernie mentioned what he did, I felt obliged to also editorially comment on what happened ever since then. For what it's worth, I still feel pretty strongly about the system being adequate in its present form. I'm not sure how many more amendments we'll have to consider. I can understand Senator Labedz's concern as well on this issue, because she feels strongly about it, like Ernie has and I have and Senator Lamb, Senator Hannibal, who's been taking the heat during appropriations discussions as well. But, for what it's worth, this amendment, I'm not even sure what this amendment is, Bernice, come to think of it now. Striking Section 3, I'm not sure what....Does it really? That shows how much I've been listening, doesn't it. I've been sitting here thinking about LB 89, ladies and gentlemen, to tell you the truth with that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I just wanted to mention here I think this is important that I have followed 588 and supported it all the time. And I guess it's because I'd like to see us have more commissioners, and I guess I've told the people who sit back here close to me, well, I would like to have my own district commissioner. But I want to make a point and I want this in the record, that I am not feeling anything anti to the commissioners that we have. I think that they do a good job. I have no question with that. It's just that I believe that we would have more representation, I think that all of the district elections work well. And, with that in mind, I would just like to mention that I do support 588 and the district election of county commissioners, because I think perhaps they would be spread better through the county. But this is nothing against those people who are commissioners now, and I would never want it misconstrued that I had some kind of a vendetta, or that anyone else did against any of the county commissioners, because I think they're fine people and they've been elected. It's just that I'd like to have more and I guess district...a district commissioner, as other counties have. So