

any way to persuade people not to vote for LB 588. Senator Chambers has done an excellent job in persuading the body so far and has made good arguments why the system in Omaha needs... or in Douglas County should be looked at and changed. My position has been and continues to be that the change that is provided for in LB 588 goes too far. I think Senator Labedz, in a couple of the amendments she raised, and one of the amendments that I didn't run earlier were the right ways to go, but I must say that Douglas County has, I think, given this body cause to look at the process of how they legislate. And they have sent confusing signals to this body from the beginning of this session and have made statements about taxation and so forth, that they don't raise taxes, but then come to us on a continuous basis for tax relief. I think maybe Senator Hall might have the right idea with the home rule amendment, which gives to the county board more authority but also more responsibility. I suggest that something short of district elections is appropriate because of the fact that Douglas County, the Douglas County Board does deal primarily or to a great extent in administrative rather than in legislative matters, but having said that I will withdraw the motion and I will continue to vote not voting but not because I don't believe that there needs to be a change but because I feel that the change being suggested in LB 588 is too drastic and further suggesting that what Senator Hall is recommending in the area of home rule probably has some good arguments for it. We...this bill does not come into effect until 1992 and no matter what happens today on today's vote, I hope we have another opportunity to take a look at the structure of the Douglas County Board, what it's authority is and how it's structured so maybe we can correct some of the problems that have arisen in the last couple of years. Thank you. With that, I withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: Motion withdrawn. Would you read the bill, please, Mr. Clerk? Might remind you, you're supposed to be in your seats, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 588 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 588 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2710-11 of