

is, but you're not going to be too excited to see Lancaster or Douglas County amendments come onto the bill. Although you and I may differ on the philosophy of those approaches, as a practical sense I share your concern and would not like to see Senator Korshoj's bill be used...to become a very controversial piece of legislation to deal with either Lancaster County or Douglas County. That's what happened to it last year. It was a rider on another bill and it got vetoed for that reason. I think it's important if Sarpy County is to maintain its status quo, as it is now, that this bill pass. So I will not be supporting additional amendments to this bill to deal with Lancaster or Douglas. Now that means that there is 47 other people besides you and I that may have different opinions on it but I would help keep those kind of things off of this particular bill because I think it's something that does need to pass. Again, because Sarpy County is a growing...and this does not change anything, this is one of those very, very unique situations in here, to preserve the status quo, you have to pass the bill. The current situation is that when a county reaches 100,000 in population it has to change its method of electing county commissioners. Again, I have heard nobody in Sarpy County object to the current methodology of electing county commissioners. Our county board is on record five to nothing in favor of doing this, besides, frankly, I believe in the philosophical approach towards district elections. Most of our counties do, in fact, have those now and we should not allow a statute that was not written for Sarpy County, that was written specifically for Lancaster County, go into effect and change the system in Sarpy County. For that reason, I would ask you to support the Korshoj with the Hartnett amendment.

PRESIDENT: There are no other lights, so that will be your closing, Senator Withem? Okay. The question is the adoption of the Withem amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Withem, Korshoj, Hartnett amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

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

PRESIDENT: Senator Korshoj, would you like to move to advance