

the Omaha and Lincoln senators are taken consideration that it will, down the road, probably benefit you as much or more maybe some day, than it will rural Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members, if I could have a gavel, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) May we please have it a little quieter. Just a minute, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. When you got the odds of...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) I don't want to break it like has been done before, so please hold it down.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. When you're outnumbered 10-1, at least I'd get a shot, I'd appreciate it and shots are exactly what were taken at me. I appreciate it. I don't appreciate the cheap shots from some friends of mine, but let's talk about the issue involved here. You talk about the fundamental point that you believe that what I am doing is raising an issue that would help the urban areas against the rural areas, that you think that's the position I'm taking. I'm taking just the opposite position. I believe that those of you in the smaller towns in this state, and I'm not going to call that area whatever you want to call it, are going to end up being the big losers from this proposition, not Lincoln, not Omaha because as we talked about this the last time I could pull out the quotes, if you want to get into a competition city by city, the winners are going to be the larger towns, whatever that competition may be. If it's Omaha versus Lincoln, Omaha will win. If it's Lincoln versus Columbus, Columbus is not going to win, Lincoln is going to win. If it's Columbus versus David City, Columbus is going to win. As you find the bigger tax base, the bigger resources, that will be the winner in any fight. I passed out in one of the handouts the sumo wrestlers as they are battling here, "heading for a big loss" is the headline. Well, who is heading for a big loss are the smaller towns in the city, cities in this state, not the larger towns, not the metropolitan areas. I'm warning you and some day, if this passes, and it looks like it will from the comments I've heard, people are committed to this. Some people will look back and wonder why those representatives of those towns decided they wanted to get into this sort of