

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. I have a number of lights on. Senator Chambers, did you wish to speak to the motion to indefinitely postpone?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, one time there was a lawyer representing his client, and the other side was making allegations, and the defense lawyer said, your honor, not only do I not like the allegations, I don't like the alligator. Now the one who offered the kill motion I don't want to see killed. But I certainly don't want to see this bill killed either. I have always been an advocate of district elections for any governmental body, even before I got in the Legislature. I had come down here and spoken on a bill to elect Omaha School Board members by district, and prior to my coming, even though they had high-powered people like Bill Skarda and Eugene Mahoney carrying that bill and Terry Carpenter assisting, they couldn't turn the corner or get over the hump. Sometimes it takes a certain type of magic to get a job done. But since district election of county boards is not a unique or different concept in Nebraska, no magic is needed here, merely consistency and a consideration for the people in Lincoln, Lancaster County, who would like to select a person of their choice to represent them on the board. Although there are people in this Legislature who would rather I not be here, it cannot be argued that I don't bring a certain zest in the same way that black pepper adds a bit of spice to food. If we were nominated by district, I would be nominated from the 11th district. But how many of you honestly think that I would be elected to this Legislature, if all the people in the state voted for me? Why, there are so many people in this state who just, at the sound of my name, develop a negative attitude, Mr. Speaker, I could not even be...I could not even be elected to the electric chair, if they had to vote for me. Now that shows you what kind of chance I'd have of being elected to the Legislature. Senator Warner has a philosophical difference with reference to this bill. This is an idea, nominating by district and electing by district, whose time has been here for a long time. So I hope the Legislature will quickly dispose of this kill motion, that we will then allow Lancaster County to select its board members in the same way that most of the county boards do already. As you know, this is a train, in a sense, and I have a car that is going to be attached, which will call for election of Douglas County Board members by district. About 10 or 11 of the Omaha area senators have signed on. A senator from Blair has signed on, and a senator from...well, he's not here right now, but has