

Senator Warner's motion to indefinitely postpone. I tried, when Senator Chambers did have the bill for city council by district, with an amendment that would do the same thing for city council districts in Omaha. And I can recall when, years ago, there was going to be a compost site in south Omaha, another time a sewage treatment plant in south Omaha. And now we have the problem of a landfill site on 60th and Q. And you can be assured that the council members will vote against...there will only be one senator (sic) that votes against anything like that happening in the district, and the other members of the city council or county board would vote for it, because it's not in their district. I prefer, as it is now, to have it in Douglas County to nominate by district, and then vote at large in any district in the State of Nebraska, because you've got to remember that accountability for anything that's going to happen in the district will be more thoroughly examined if they're voted in in the general election at large rather than by district, because you'll only have the one representative voting against a landfill, against a compost site, against anything that happens in that district. There will only be that one representative, the rest of them, four or five members, could care less. I thought Lancaster County had the ideal system of voting their city council and their county districts rather than having them all by district to nominate them by...nominate them by district, and then select them at large, because accountability is more important than anything else. And you'll have the five counties...five county commissioners in Douglas County, as they are in Lancaster County, accountable to everybody in Douglas County, and give the opportunity for someone to be nominated by district. And so I will be supporting Senator Warner on his motion to indefinitely postpone LB 466.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. We'll now go to Senator Wesely on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, just real briefly. I want to again urge your opposition to the kill motion and support for the bill. We have tried to identify how many counties have their boards elected by district, how many do not. It's been very confusing. The statutes would indicate that all county governments, with the exception of Lancaster and Douglas, are supposed to be elected by district, with some options to opt out of, some have been properly implemented, some have not. But out of the 93 counties, our...the overwhelming number of counties are elected by district. My point is that that is usually how county boards