

SENATOR LABEDZ: Of those nominated, yes.

SENATOR HORGAN: Okay. Then I wonder if Senator Chambers would yield to a question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR HORGAN: Senator, what would your opposition be to that, if indeed the desire is to spread out the representation throughout the community so that people from different, various segments of the community can be represented, and that we don't have this clustering that you referred to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR HORGAN: Wouldn't Senator Labeledz's amendment accomplish that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What happens is that forces from outside a district will set up a candidate that they back and support who will be their water carrier, as is happening in the Doug...the City Council races right now. The district people will make it clear which individual they want. Then when it comes to the at large, those outside the district interests will then put in the individual they want. And in the present case, with all of these people outside of our district saying that a former drug dealer is good enough for us, but they wouldn't dare run one for them, is not what I would want to happen with reference to what Senator Labeledz is talking about. Our district shows a total repudiation. So then what happens? The rest of the city says, that is the one who we're going to make sure that you have, and we will control him. So when you have a nomination by district and election at large, the ones who do the final electing are the ones to whom that person will feel obligated, will feel a necessity to satisfy. So, unless you have pure district representation, nomination and election by district, you do not provide for the people in that district the opportunity to select and elect the person of their choice.

SENATOR HORGAN: Senator Chambers, is your argument weakened a little bit by the fact of the example you just gave on the Omaha City Council, where we have district elections and, indeed, your accusation at least is that there is outside forces having an influence in that election, and yet we've got district elections