

I agree that there should be some district identification with whoever represents that area, then I think electing seven state senators from Douglas County probably is a pretty good idea, too. I'll take my chances with Senator Pirsch, and Eric Will, and Ernie, and whoever else might be in my district. But let's apply it. Let's apply that principle across the board. You know, nine may have been too many. Who knows how many is too many? It was mentioned that there are 28 counties, or 30 counties, whatever it is, that have 7 elected officials. That's true, they're usually supervisor counties. So that you understand the difference, usually supervisor counties are those counties that don't have any incorporated cities or villages, they're called township villages. They don't have Omaha's, or Benson's, or Bellevue's, or anything like that. And usually, to tell you the truth, in the old days they used to have their own sandpile and their own road grader, and even though they were elected by district, you should understand how the system, and why the system worked. But for those of you that are primarily concerned with districts as it applies to the county board, and you agree that seven is fine, I think you ought to seriously consider, if you consider this legislation, that we ought to apply it to ourselves as well. I think Ernie and everybody else would support that. If 50,000 is the secret number to make sure that in a county, given the characteristics Douglas County has, satisfies those needs, I support it. But I also know, you also know that in a county, not the state, I'm not saying we should elect at large in the state, but at least in the county, given the boundaries we have and the fact that they are not legislative, they are only administrative in nature, we are the mothers and the fathers of the counties, they can do no more, no less than what we allow them to do, they are the wholesaler of services for the federal, for the state, and for other jurisdictions, they coordinate every effort, if you didn't have counties, you'd have to create 'em, I'm telling you, because you need somebody to do that. But let's not lose sight of what they are, what their intention is, and what their purpose is, and let's make sure we are representative when we elect our officials, and you can do that very well, thank you, with seven members, elected by district, and at the county level, in particular, in the general election elected at large. It worked when I was there. To be completely frank, it was pretty representative as well. I'll close with this, when that was put into effect I had everything north of Ames Street, and everything west of 72nd. One of the districts had 32,000 and one had 40 some thousand, I had 180 some thousand people in my