

district. So, to tell you the truth, I don't think the district philosophy was really intended, at that time, by the Legislature, to be served, or the characteristics of the representation that was intended was served at all. So I respectfully suggest, even though...and I do agree with the district concept, that for Douglas County this amendment to the Standing Committee amendments, that's the reason for this silly language, is the best that we can do at this time. Do everything, you know, offer the district representation, increase the numbers to satisfy what apparently Ernie and some others have determined to be workable as far as making sure if the boundaries are developed appropriately, make sure we have the kind of members that satisfy the characteristics of the county, and at the same time recognize the responsibilities the counties have that are given to them by this State Legislature. So I'd respectfully suggest that this is a pretty good amendment, hopefully you'll support it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. I'll now recognize senators wishing to speak on the Lynch amendment to the amendment. Senator Hall. Senator...Okay.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Lynch, would you respond to a question, please. Dan, in your amendment, say, for example, there were seven districts, as it would allow, the nomination by district, and election by large...at large would not guarantee that a district would have one of their members elected, is that correct? We could nominate, say if I was in District 3, we could nominate two people from the district that I live in, but there...with the election at large there is no guarantee that either one of those individuals would be elected.

SENATOR LYNCH: Can I...

SENATOR HALL: Sure.

SENATOR LYNCH: First, you're right. One of the...the argument, if I remember it very well, when the Legislature changed how I ran, was that you elected a Democrat and a Republican from each district in the primary. But to be completely frank, it's very unlikely that a Republican from a Democratic district would ever get elected, if they ran only by district. Would probably be very unlikely that a Democrat in a Republican district would ever probably be elected if they ran only by district.