

when it comes down to doing those things right here in this state that would be an implementation of democracy. The Legislature will not do it, and that's what's being confronted at this point. When the amendment, which was virtually the same, was offered by Senator Labeledz it was voted down. Senator Lynch's amendment should reap the same fate, it should be voted down. Now I don't know where Senator Lynch's amendment came from, but again it dovetails with what the lobbyist, Jim Moylan, has been talking to me about ever since the bill was introduced. This is what the county board wants. And the county board is composed of sons, by and large. Steve Rosenblatt, the son of Johnny Rosenblatt,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a former mayor and the baseball stadium is named after him, McCollister is the son of McCollister who was in the national Congress. Warren Buffett has a son named Howard Buffett, who is on the county board. Simon, who supports districts, is the son of former mayor of Omaha, Bernie Simon. So you mean to tell me that, with that kind of a composition, this is a board that represents the interests of all the people in Douglas County? No way. And, because those types of people have been elected, if you would select two people from the district in which I and my kind would live, it's a cinch that the majority of voters county wide would select the one that our district had rejected, because the interests of a lot of people...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in this county are perceived to be counter to those of the people in the district from which I would come.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I'll now recognize Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Conway, Horgan, Labeledz, and Chambers. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President and members of the body, I seriously considered calling the question, but I do think this is an important issue, and it needs a good, healthy debate. So, with that in mind, I'm reluctantly coming before you as somebody who doesn't live in Omaha, as somebody who has a great deal of respect for Senator Lynch, who introduced this, and as somebody who is well aware that the editor of the Lincoln Journal is