

sitting under the south balcony and I know how he feels about this particular hybrid system. But, nevertheless, I do need to make a few remarks. Senator Lynch, I think you'd find a lot of support on this floor for your suggestion about seven senators from Omaha, particularly since you didn't mention, I don't think, changing any of the other districts across the state. So I think that would probably pass with flying colors. I guess the one thing I want to mention to you, Senator Lynch, because I know this is one of your concerns, you've been before the Government Committee talking about campaign finance and the cost of elections. And I think that's one really valid point that I can make about going to a system, such as you're suggesting. Ken Harr, who is on the City Council here in Lincoln, who has to run at large, he's one of the few, in fact I think he's the only one that has to run at large, the other city council members are all by district, he came in and told us that his...the cost of his election was exactly twice what it is for the city council people who run by district. I think that's a very big consideration, and especially when you're talking about a city the size of Omaha, with the numbers of people that you have to reach, the cost of media, the cost of mailing to that number of people, I think it is a big consideration. And I, personally, don't like the system that exists in Lancaster County. And I have a bill to support doing away with that system, so I'm afraid I can't support your amendment this morning. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Madam President, I would yield my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, let me ask Senator Lynch a question, if I may. And, Senator Lynch, this is just to make sure that I didn't misstate what your amendment does. Was I correct in stating that what your amendment would do is nominate seven members by district, and then elect them at large?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. I wanted you all to be sure that I had not misstated with the amendment does. The opposition that I expressed to Senator Labedz's amendment