

applies to this one being offered by Senator Lynch. I am deeply concerned about fair representation. Many, many years ago I entered this Legislature at a time when people felt that I would come down here and bring others who would make a shambles of the place, not just the system and the procedures by which the system operates, but the physical structure itself. So they drilled holes in the ceiling and installed cameras so that from other locations they could monitor what I and the people they thought I would bring down here would be doing. As it turned out there was disappointment on the part of some people, because none of those things came to fruition. I joined the Legislature, I shouldn't say joined, I became a member of the Legislature and I participated in the activities in the same way that other people had done. As you sit in a body such as this, you either develop a high profile, a medium profile, a low profile, or no profile. Because of the kind of issues that I've dealt with, my profile is high. So I get requests and pleas for help from all over this state. The majority of requests for assistance that come to me come from people outside my district. And they come to me with almost the same approach, that they need somebody who is willing to listen to them, take them seriously, and attempt to help them. So rather than being the state villain, I've become somewhat of a court of last resort, or a type of ombudsman. But if it came to a set of circumstances where those same people seeking my help had to vote for me they probably would not. The proof of it is that when these people write, in various letters to the editor, what a racist that I am, and some of their editors say the same thing, none of these hundreds of white people that I've helped will ever write to that editor and say, you may think that, but he helped me when nobody else would. And I have the letters to document all of these things. So I know that people at large are very fickle. The things we do should be based on our principles and our concept of what is right and what is wrong, what our obligation is as elected officials. If I were to run in the primary by district, be voted for in the final or the general election at large, I would lose. I'm realistic, I'm practical, I understand how Nebraskans view things and view people. I don't want that situation to come into being at the very point where we're trying to create...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a fair method of representation in Douglas County which parallels the method used in most of the counties