

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, the reason I'm taking time is because I think the issue, not just the bill before us, but the issue of representation is very, very important. I'm not up here trying to get compliments from any of the other senators. And, despite what Senator Labeledz said, Senator Labeledz, you might find me charming, but not everybody does. See, see, look, if I'm a tiger, if I'm a tiger and I'm virile, and I'm strong, and I'm powerful in every way that a tiger is to be, a lady tiger might find me to be the be all and end all for her. But how do you think a gazelle would feel? How do you think a wildebeest would feel, although they're not where the tigers are, they're where the lions are. But you get the point. What I'm trying to say here, first of all, I'm not interested in being on the county board. I'm not interested in being on the Omaha City Council. None of the bills that I have brought to change the method by which elections occur has been brought with the purpose of my seeking that office. I'm in the only office I could probably ever win. Now I've been cursed to be here probably for the rest of my productive life. And some of my colleagues feel that they also are cursed for an equivalent period of time, if they can live as long as I can, which most of them won't. But the point that I'm getting to through all that I'm saying is this, districts represent the means by which various interests in a community to be ruled can have somebody as a part of that ruling body. When we come through school, the rallying cry, supposedly, for the revolution was taxation without representation is tyranny. Despite what Senator Lynch says about nonlegislative matters, the county board assesses taxes. The county board will try to find ways to create debt that must be retired by the people of Douglas County, and people such as myself live in Douglas County. To say that the only ones who should be on that board are those who have achieved name recognition through their fathers doesn't make sense. As a matter of fact, Senator Labeledz, when Solomon was writing, old King Solomon, he had indicated that some people build up great wealth, and some men make a mistake, because that man, after building up that wealth, has no way of knowing whether he'll leave it to a wise man or a fool. A son is not always the mirror image of his father. He got half his genes and chromosomes from his father, and the other half from his mother. So, if you have an economic genius and investor who might be called the Wizard of Oz in the investment field, it doesn't mean that cause his son has the