

same last name he has the abilities of his father. Senator Labeledz has been in politics long enough to know that a family name often goes much further in achieving election for a person than that person's own, individual traits, characteristics and abilities. It's why certain people with certain names in this state will be elected time, after time, after time. Then, if a child comes along and decides to take over, that one will, because of the name, be elected again and again. I don't like us always, when we...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...discuss things on this floor, to suddenly become naive and unaware of how politics really works. We know the value of name recognition, we know how much money it costs to achieve that. There is conversation right now during this session about putting limits on how much can be spent during campaigns, because the ones with the most money have the advantage. So, if a person were to be elected on the basis of personal merit, it wouldn't matter how much money was spent by somebody else, because the judgment will be based on the proper factors, how capable this person is of doing the job. But the reality is that whoever can spend the most money to have his or her name presented in the most favorable way, that person is going to win. So I say we should defeat Senator Lynch's amendment, and we should go with a pure district concept, nomination by district and election by district.

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

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam President. I just want to make sure that it's on record that I did not say at any time that Senator Chambers was charming. I believe he's very qualified, very convincing, and very able to do anything that he wants to do, and that's why I did say that he would be elected as a Douglas County Commissioner, if he ran as one of the at large candidates. And I can assure you that he would get many, many votes in south Omaha. I go back to name recognition and I disagree wholeheartedly with you on that, Senator Chambers, because your name is recognized all over the county. And, like you say yourself, you've got calls from all over the county, all over the state asking for help, and you've been there to help them, and that's why I said you're qualified, you're convincing, and you've got a lot of ability, but you're certainly not charming. Thank you.