

Legislature. I just want to inform you that I have made a motion to withdraw my name from this bill and to withdraw the co-sponsorship. Over the weekend, I have had an opportunity to talk to many constituents in Douglas County, and it is for that reason that at this time I am withdrawing my support of 789.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Chambers, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, so that it is clear what the committee amendment does, in the original form of the bill, there was a notation on the cover of the bill that there would be nine members on the board. That number should be seven. So what the committee amendment does is to make the number who will sit on the county board seven rather than nine. So I am asking that you adopt this amendment, and I don't feel any hostility towards Senator Pirsch for what she has done because, when we had a city council bill, a similar thing had happened. So it is one of those things that can occur in the life of a person who is in the Legislature. You take a position. Then you find out that maybe it is not advisable to retain that. However, I think there is still enough support to pass this bill. The majority of Omaha area senators, the vast majority still are co-sponsors of this bill, but right now the vote is to adopt the committee amendment and I hope that the Legislature will vote to do that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any other discussion of the committee amendments? Senator Conway, did you wish to close on the committee amendments? Senator Conway waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the committee amendments to 789, have you all voted? We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 789, have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. We will now go to Senator Chambers to open on the bill as amended. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think the bill has, basically, been discussed while the two