

March 31, 1992

LB 369

people up in arms, and I'd be kind of curious, if you could shed some light to...I am assuming this is taking care of a local problem...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Actually.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and could you explain that just a little.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, actually I do not represent Ponca Hills. Bernice Pfeifer came down because their area also has this problem. You will find that districts on the edge, particularly, where the lots maybe are bigger, and some come along to try to whittle them down, are the most vulnerable to this. The Keystone Task Force supports this. The Northwest Community Club supports this, although they did not have members who were able to come down. I am a member of the Northwest Community Club. My husband is on the board, and this, of course, is the area that I know. I can tell you about three rezoning fights within the last two years that we were concerned because if one property owner, who gets notified, does not alert the rest of them, there is little time to organize. For instance, on Boyd Street, there was a large concentration of apartment houses proposed. People had to gather their facts as to population, as to how this would affect the schools, to go to the schools, to go to other property owners, Boyd is the only thru street between Maple and Fort. They had to have that chance, that opportunity to tell the planning board, to tell the city council those facts, how that would affect Boyd School, how that would affect the traffic pattern. Those kinds of thing take initiative first, and then they take investigation, and then they take determination on the part of the residents to generate a large crowd to attend these planning board hearings, to relay those facts and their feelings.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. I think I have made up my mind, at least, of how I am going to approach the division of the bills, and even though I suspect that the bills that are being brought forward are in their own merits...have their own merits and may be, in fact, good policy, I think I will be voting against all of the bills simply because of procedure. I think if we start...if we start offering bills in an amended form that we don't even talk about the committee amendments, and there are some other bills that will be coming forward, people have questions, on Select File, if we start