

there would be such an inordinate impact on the minority populations, most of whom are concentrated in Omaha, it meant that everything which I perceived as being bad in the bill was going to have that impact to an inappropriate degree or disproportionate degree on the people for whom I have a great amount of concern. Since there is a point at which this experiment is to go statewide, what we're doing here does not alter that time table. As Senator Bohlke pointed out, the counties that have been selected are a better snapshot, if you will, or portraiture in miniature of the rest of the counties in the state. The Governor's office worked with Senator Bohlke and I guess you can say indirectly the Governor and I worked together through Senator Bohlke to arrive at this accord. I'm not going to take the full eight minutes but I want to get Senator Wehrbein's attention if I can. See, if I was making trouble or into mischief, Senator Wehrbein would be following every word that I've said. Senator Wehrbein, I just got through describing how Senator Bohlke was able to bring us to an accord, myself, Senator Bohlke and the Governor's office, to agree on something. You didn't...you weren't even paying attention. So you...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Laughter.) I'm sorry, but I wanted to say...I had my light on earlier, if I may, Senator Chambers, will you yield a second?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That Senator Lindsay asked about, I was going to say I very much appreciate the level of debate today and I do want to offer that if this is the appropriate time. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's always appropriate if I have anything to do with being a recipient of kind words. Thank you. Senator Bohlke, I give the remainder of the time back to you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke, you have six minutes left but you don't have to use it all.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And it's been a rare occasion that I ever had, Senator Withem. I think that the reasons have been stated. I think that Senator Chambers has indicated that we've tried to work together to come to an agreement that this takes, although he still will be opposed to the bill, that this was indeed a particular sore point to him. I think that this will allow us