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SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Mr. President. I stand in support of Senator Pedersen's amendment. I represent a very growing area that is growing significantly. This is very important to have. I know the city of Gretna already allows, and they have always planned or had in their planning board two members that represent that outlying area, and we only have one mile. So I strongly support this and I hope the others will, too. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I, too, rise in support of Senator Pedersen's amendment. I would ask, Senator Pedersen, if you would yield to a question?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pedersen, will you respond?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you. I believe this just applies to cities of the metropolitan class. Is that correct?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's right.

SENATOR PREISTER: So this would only affect Omaha and its zoning jurisdiction.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's right, Senator.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay, thank you. I happen to have constituency that's on the south side of Omaha. And, as most of you know, the south side of Omaha is the county line, Harrison Street. Therefore, the zoning jurisdiction really would not be impacted in that area in terms of Omaha. However, I have constituents also in Sarpy County, and those constituents have voiced concern to me on a regular basis about not having the opportunity to have a vote and a voice in who is on their planning commission members in the Bellevue area especially. It's a major concern, not only in cities of the metropolitan class, but it's also a concern in smaller areas as well. I have