

others would have to develop some kind of a petition process. The whole point is, why do it the hard way? Why do it this way? Why do it the hard way, when we already have all the tools we need? I'll give you a couple examples, I hate to run those by you, from Douglas County, like I have in the past. But Douglas County is a big county with a lot of people, small county areawise, but with a lot of people. And we've been able to manage and handle an awful lot of intergovernmental things within the county and also without the county and with other counties, as I pointed out. You know at one time Douglas and Sarpy County were one county and they decided it (interrupted)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...they were fussing about what the county seat would be and split down Harrison Street, now it's two. Without going through a whole history and litany of how the systems were created and how they work, all I can say is this is no way, this is no way to try meaningful reform. This is a shot gun type of reform issue. Shoot something out there, run maybe a thousand bullets, and maybe one of them might hit the target. I don't think we should do that. I still think...I'd like to think that 292, in its present form, is enough already for us and gives us all the tools we need, in addition to those we already have, to make any kind of meaning (sic) reform we need. And we shouldn't complicate that with this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I've been observing and listening to the discussion that's been going on. I have my good friend, Senator Lynch, on my left, and I have my good friend, Senator Engel, who's not sitting in his seat now, and they disagree and they're both great people. And Senator Chambers talks about the kings and the queens of power. I'll tell you one thing, you got a lot of kings and queens in county government, as far as power goes, because they're fiefdoms, because they're individual administrators. You talk about one administrator, under Senator Hillman's bill, you've got 10 or 15 administrators in county government, whether you like it or not you do, 'cause they do their own thing, they do their own thing. And no wonder. Senator Lynch asked Senator Hillman if there was any county officials that would oppose it. Well they all