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particular issue, because we're talking about those who are going to make the ultimate decisions that govern and control and determine everything that this board does, and this is where I think packing should not occur. Thank you, Senator Mines, for your assistance. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I do believe in a minimum number, and I did support that when I first spoke on this bill. But, Senator Beutler, you have been an advocate of proportionality. And I think I share your thoughts on that area. We talk about having one person, one vote, and having it mean the same no matter where you are. And if you look at the difference in the populations from the minimum size of a village to the largest size of a second-class city, you see that you could have a village as small as 100, or a city as large as 5,000. A board of 5 in a village of 100 means that you're going to have actually 1 representative for 20 people. But in a city of the second class of 5,000 people, you're going to have 1 person on that board for 1,000. That doesn't seem proportionate to me. That's why, when you have a range that varies this much, it seems to me there needs to be a little more flexibility, if you can find enough people willing to serve their community in this way, to actually have the opportunity to represent their fellow citizens. One thing you have to know is that there is clearly downward pressure on any board, because generally the quorum requirements mean that you cannot conduct business, you cannot even approve the payment of bills, unless a quorum is present. So you never create a board that is larger than you can actually assemble at that meeting and do business. So there is legitimate downward pressure if people are not committed to serving on that board and showing up. I don't think we need to have 4,999 citizens on that board, but I do think that there is a great deal of difference in the populations in those groups. So that's why I'm an advocate of a little more flexibility than we have, and why I might advocate that we might consider more than seven in an amendment. Thank you.