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City of Ralston wants after talking to the people and they are upset and I urge you, this body, to reject the Newell amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Doyle, and then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR DOYLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Newell amendment, basically for the same reason that I supported a vote of the people for the establishment of districts in Douglas County, if that is what the people want. So I am saying in order to be consistent I think that if, in fact, the people of Ralston want additional districts, then they ought to vote on it, and if that is what they want, we ought to let them have it, but we as a Legislature I think ought not to impose these matters on local jurisdictions. If they are the only one in the first class group of cities that has this particular arrangement, perhaps it is that way because this is what they intend. If not, then they ought to vote to change it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins. May I announce a couple of visitors of Senator Von Minden of the 17th District. Under the South balcony, Patricia Armstrong and Christina Schuers of Ponca, Nebraska. Would you please rise and be recognized. Thank you for visiting the Legislature. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Abboud a question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, Senator Abboud, please?

SENATOR ABOUDD: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Abboud, in the committee hearing, it has been sometime ago, originally did Ralston have two wards and the people elected from all over the city or did they originally have four wards?

SENATOR ABOUDD: Well, when they became...they were a second class city and they had the two wards originally. Probably about twenty, thirty years before that they had the four wards and they had two wards when they became a first class city.

SENATOR HIGGINS: When it became a first class city it became...

SENATOR ABOUDD: No, they had only two wards.