

governments do not elect anybody. This is the document put together by the brains who have taken all this time, spent all this money, want to make us think that they are constitutional authority, and they don't even understand the present system of government under which we labor, and in some cases, as might slave right now. I defy anybody to show me where the federal government has elected people, where the states elect people, and the local governments elect people. But if they are talking about the electorate in the states electing more minorities and women, in Nebraska, Douglas County specifically, and Omaha, they can thank me for fighting against this Legislature for over a decade to get district elections at the county level, and after I got district elections, which was fought by Senator Labeledz, she became one of the first women ever elected to the County Board in Douglas County. It took districts to do it. The first black woman elected to the County Board in Douglas County because I fought this Legislature to create a system that made it possible for people to be elected at the local level, which because of racism and sexism could not happen. For the first time, because of a bill I fought the Legislature hard to get through, there are black people, there have been on the city council. The first time in the history of people a black man was the President of the City Council; same way with Omaha Public School Board, a black woman was the President of the School Board and black people have been able to put people on the school board as have other parts of the city who before district elections had not done that. The same with the county board. There were certain areas of the county never represented on that board and certainly was the case with the city council. So instead of you praising the state and the counties and the local governments, you start looking to individuals who labor within those bodies who swim against the tide and force changes that people do not want to make. That's why changes occur, not because of so-called warm-spit mainstream people like the Governor is boasting about being, go along to get along and want everything to stay as it is, who will fight against every change, but once the change is forced want to take credit for it and boast about it and lionize himself for it because their state has done something like this. I have many, many unpleasant nights when I look at the things that this state wants to take credit for, but which I know they've fought against tooth and nail every step of the way. And now we have before us...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.