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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And the only reason I'm saying it, I want it to be clear that even though we kept the uniformity clause intact, there still, once a merger between a municipality and a county will take place, that can lead to what some people would view as an inequity between those who are...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...part of the merged blob and those who are not a part of it. So this would be one of those situations which I don't think we could, as a Legislature, provide for, could we, to make not happen?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, senator, hopefully, we have indeed prevented that with the amendment that we adopted earlier, providing that you have to elect outside and you have to elect inside. Presumably those outside the municipality are never going to vote for themselves in a situ...vote to place themselves in a disadvantaged situation. I don't know how you could put enough Sominex in the water to cause them to do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, Senator Wickersham, looks like this is going to be you and me. But I have an idea of some of the questions that people had asked. And I'm not going to try to remember all those, but I will ask the ones that are in my mind. If somehow the people outside of Omaha were misled into thinking that, not necessarily misled, but at the time the merger occurred everybody, acting in good faith, did not intend for the inequity that I'm talking about to take place, they didn't look for that to happen. But then a combination of circumstances comes into play and some of the worst people who had ever served on the Omaha City Council wind up back there again, and Al (mad as a March hare) Daub gets back in again, and things start going haywire, and Omaha would have a greater population base than the rest of whatever is not a part of this, and somehow we wound up with that situation where