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it does, it says that in the next vacancy that occurs on a city planning commission in a city of a primary class, on or after January 1, 2000, shall be filled by an appointment of a person who resides in the extraterritorial jurisdiction as provided. The appointment of this board will be made by the county board. In this case, it would be the county board of Lancaster County, and that the planning commission shall have not less than five regular members on the planning department. But it simply brings Lincoln-Lancaster County into line with what we have done with city of Omaha, and all the other cities in this state, and so with that I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We are discussing the committee amendments to LB 367. Senator Schimek, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in support of the committee amendments and I would like to tell you just a little bit more about why I think this is a good idea. There are about 29,000 people who live in this three-mile jurisdiction in Lancaster County, and if you look at the commission itself as it is currently constituted, it has nine members. This commission, incidentally, was put together by an interlocal agreement between the city and the county. With this one person designated as a person from the three-mile jurisdiction, that gives fairly balanced representation from that area, if you look at the overall population of Lincoln-Lancaster County. One of the things that we said in this amendment, which I think is a really good idea, is that we would like to see geographical representation added to the mix of factors here. When we looked at a map that showed where all the planning commission members live, it turns out that they all live, sort of, in one area of town, and we decided that we'd like to see them spread out a little bit more around the city and county. So we asked not for district boundaries or anything like that but that geographical location be taken into consideration when these appointments are being made. Now these appointments are not easy to make because you want to bring in a whole lot of different interests; you want to mix it by gender and minorities and all these kinds of things. So it is a difficult process to put all this together, which is why we didn't say that so many planning members should come from each city council district, for instance. We just left that more