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of the State of Nebraska. Most places people are elected by district, so I'm not opposed to that idea, what I am opposed to and to show you I mean business, I'll tell you what I mean, I am opposed to increasing the size of the Omaha city council. Now several years ago, I put in a bill which was soundly defeated to decrease the size of this body to 25, my main reason being with lesser numbers you can keep track of them easier. I would, the Chinese say that the journey of a thousand miles starts with the first step. I would go five hundred miles with you Senator Chambers, because I would vote in case your bill loses I'll go this far, in case your bill loses, if you should want to come back in with a bill, to cut the size of the city council, to cut it to six or to leave it at seven, elect by districts I'll vote for it, naturally you don't want to do that if your bill has a chance of passage, I understand that, but should it fail, I will absolutely here and now commit myself publicly to going for a bill if it is introduced by district, but not to increase the size of the Omaha city council.

SPEAKER: Now Senator Mahoney you were next to speak, do you want to yield the floor to Senator Snyder for an explanation of his kill motion?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Fine.

SPEAKER: Senator Snyder, do you care to respond?

SENATOR SNYDER: Well again my kindest regards go to Senator Mahoney for helping me. I know how much he wants to see me further this issue and some other issues that I have. As I stated at the beginning of this debate, this issue has been before us in one form or another for the three years that I've been here or about six years prior to that as a reporter I saw this issue in several forms come before the state legislature and it seemed that Senator Mahoney was always undecided as to how he wanted to go. The County Board one year, Water District elections, the next year wanted to go at large, depending upon who was running, and this is the problem I see in having district elections. There have been some great cases in gerrymandering in Douglas County and I am sure that there would be some more if we put the council election through in this legislature. My main reason of course, is that I apologize to the body in which I serve that after having dealt with this issue in various forms for each of the years that I have been here, that again a member of the delegation with which I represent is here with another issue. I think if you do reach a point of certainty the people will tell you what was voted upon in November was what we're talking about here today. Well of course, that's true to an extent, but how many forms do you have to have on a ballot, are you going to say to the people that you favor district elections, you put your type of proposal on the ballot, why don't we go ahead the next time and have about seventy five or eighty different types of district elections, accommodations district, etc., of course that is rather ridiculous, but I think it is rather ridiculous, that because you are elected to this body and are defeated, not once, not twice, no three but maybe four times, that you would be so stubborn to come back and to ask the entire legislature with the many grave issues that we have to decide this year to again provide you the podium for publicity and the chance to disrupt. I think the issue has been decided by the legislature, although I don't think the legislature wants to have to have this things before it all the time, I think the legislature realizes it gave the city of Omaha a home rule charter and I think the legislature is saying "Omaha you take care of your own problems", but each of the 49 is entitled to introduce legislation, and that's what we have.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Mahoney, we are still speaking on the motion to indefinitely postpone.