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SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I never apologize, Senator Snyder, to this legislature for bringing Omaha problems here. We constitute one third of the population of this state, never apologize Senator Snyder. This I'm ashamed of you for even getting up and even mentioning this, problems of urban cities are problems of the state. Yes I favored county commissioners at large, because Senator Dickinson wouldn't have a county commissioner in his area if we weren't at large, because that's a minority area of the county, but let's talk about city limits, city limits are within the city of Omaha. Senator Skarda and I, in the last two years, have taken more abuse on a Paunch Manure Plant than any other single thing that I have had in twelve years in the legislature. We did not put this plant in our district, it was placed there by at least four of the seven present city councilmen, and they all live in the Elmwood Park district. Also, let me say to this legislature, of this Elmwood Park district, in and out of court for the last seven years, we have fought, but we can't get one acre of a rat infested terrain because the council won't go along with it, but they will surely take park areas away from Senator Skarda's district and giving nothing back, they'll place the Henry Doorly Zoo there. They will charge the people admission, but that particular area was park land taken away from a particular district, they wanted to give Senator Skarda two weeks ago, a garbage compacting plant, because Senator Skarda's district has no city councilmen, and that is the very reason why we're here today, Senator Snyder and I will never apologize to this legislature, I also say to you Mr. President, that Senator Goodrich in his great speech making ability today, come before this legislature and talked about why don't we let the people of the city of Omaha alone, because they were brain-washed, brain-washed first by a press, the press that printed the ads, from the wealthy people, the wealthy people who are able to collect the money. Senator Chambers could never get this money collected, he wouldn't get a dime, but that paper printed those ads, and they printed them most effectively, and they drux out all former Mayors, Mayors that had gone off to Ft. Lauderdale, and to other places, and got them all to make a statement. We will never have good responsible government in the city of Omaha, until you give us councilmen by districts. I beg of this legislature, Senator Chambers, who has been castigated as a great sinner, because he has raised this question, I beg of this legislature to tell Senator Chambers and to show Omaha that he has done something for that city, and he should receive all of the honors that he can because he had guts enough to hang in there when the going was tough.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Moylan, then Senator Savage, then Senator Carpenter, we are still speaking on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I hesitate to rise to oppose my good friend Senator Chambers and I think he has a good point, however, and due respect to the people of my district is the first point, that they voted down what I think is substantially the same situation last fall, and I believe I do not have the statistics in front of me now, but I think my legislative district voted down with a higher percentage of votes and also the greatest number of votes of any district in the city, I believe. Now I'm have had a record of supporting, electing people by district. However, when the people in my district and the people of the city of Omaha, vote overwhelmingly as they did last fall, I think I owe the respect to the people of Omaha, and I do not believe they want to put extra expenses, extra taxes on themselves by increasing the number of the city council to twelve. There is no doubt but what it would incur more expenses for the tax payer, and I don't believe twelve members could agree very easily on any point brought up before it, not near as easily as fewer numbers. So