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for this reason, I do oppose the passage of this bill.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I have a great deal of respect for Senator Chambers in his desire to improve the status of the minority group in Omaha, but I'm sort of in the same position as Senator Moylan, in that as an elected public official, I would like to be responsive to the voters and tax payers of the city of Omaha, and by the same token, as a tax payer and voter I would like to have the elective official responsible to me. Under this proposed plan only one of the twelve proposed members of the city council would be responsive to my wishes, and I would have no recourse against them at the polls if I didn't like the way they voted to put something, or take something away from my district. Now the argument that we are elected by district in the legislature is a good example against this proposal, where you've got 36 people from out state, that are not responsible to the voters of the city of Omaha, they have no fear of not being elected by voters of Omaha, and I would like to see the legislature voted at large, and then they would be responsible, we would be responsible to the wishes of all the voters, if they didn't like what we did. I would like to see the citizens of Omaha settle this issue at the polls. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well Mr. President, I have one incident which

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