

For this reason I would ask that it be rereferred.

SPEAKER: Senator Snyder. We have before us the motion to rerefer L.B. 448.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, my objections would be based on several points. First of all, this bill does deal with city council elections by district only for the City of Lincoln. It is my understanding that the Urban Affairs Committee was formed some years ago to handle such matters dealing with first class cities and above. The bill dealing with city council elections by district in Omaha, Senator Chambers' bill, was referred to his own committee, Government, I objected, it didn't matter, but then the next bill dealing with city council elections, did go to Urban Affairs. I think that, I would like to point out a vote yesterday which was known as a vote of confidence for our Executive Board which, of course, does refer the bills. I only noticed 6 people, one of whom was myself, voting against that motion where it said the Board has the authority to carry out the responsibilities and whenever the Chairman is directed by a board majority, the entire Legislature will stand behind the action so I do oppose taking a bill away from my committee.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Duis, and Senator Barnett and then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I wasn't going to say anything but this action that's being taken here might be all right because I set on Urban Affairs Committee and I'm not sure that that's a government committee. I would question whether or not probably the Executive Board might even rerefer it themselves, but that's neither here nor there, but I don't think we should bring up constantly this resolution that we passed because if I recall correctly, that merely gave a vote of confidence to the Executive Board in my opinion, regardless of what your, I think we have a right to our own opinion as to what this says and you're entitled to yours, Senator Snyder and I'm entitled to mine and if we're going to constantly get back on this subject, we can have that resolution reworded so that it will read the other way too. But I thought we would settle this little argument that people were having amongst themselves yesterday and I hope we will keep it that way. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett and then Chambers, Fowler, Syas, Whitney.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature, we certainly do not have anything against Senator Snyder and his committee. This is not a question of this at all, the question is that we have to move and have this issue settled by March 7th. If he could hear this bill next Wednesday, we would have no objection to it, but it gives us approximately a month whether the committee kills it or whether the committee passes it to the floor, the hearing has to be set as soon as we can possibly get it so that we can take appropriate action to guide our people in the City of Lincoln. We have nothing against that committee that Senator Snyder, as a matter of fact, I think it's a very fair committee, I don't think we have any question there at all. I think it's a question of not being able to hear the bill until February 14th which would give us about three weeks to try to do something with the bill and the other way, our committee can hear it next Friday and therefore the bill would come out, we'd have a month to work with the bill. If it does not, we could take appropriate action and still have a month to try and get the bill to the floor. I'd urge you to support this issue which is supported by the way, by all Lincoln Senators and I would appreciate it if you would support it.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.