

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. Since there are other members of the Lincoln delegation who want the floor, I'm going to yield to them.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Senator Fowler, you're next, then Senator Syas, Whitney, Mahoney.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature, I'm a member of both the Urban Affairs and Government Military Affairs Committee. I think Senator Barnett's point and Senator Simpson's about speeding this bill through is an important thing. I think that the Government Committee, having heard testimony on a similar bill with regard to district election probably has a little better understanding of the issues involved in this sort of issue in district election so I think that the speed and the matter of developing understanding, this bill would be better heard in Government than in Urban Affairs.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Syas. Still speaking on the motion to rerefer L.B. 448.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I don't want to get into the merits of the bill one way or the other but this Legislature, I thought, did a very unusual thing the other day when they said that they'd endorse wholeheartedly any decision of the Executive Board and I imagine that some of these people that today want to change it, they're not endorsing their Executive Board. Just like the other day as I said, they hollered about commissions and stuff and turned around and creates one, I mean, this thing is like the weather around here. You just switch every possible way. Now, all I can say to the Lincoln delegation

SPEAKER: Senator Syas, Back up from your mike, will you?

SENATOR SYAS: All right. All I can say about the Lincoln delegation right now, I'm not going to debate their bill one way or the other. I haven't even read it. I will say your chickens have come home to roost though in the fact is that you had Urban Affairs here a year or so ago and we had some annexation bills and one of them went, I tried to do this same thing that Senator Simpson's trying to do to get both all annexation bills in one committee and the Lincoln delegation didn't help me a darned bit, boy, they, they kept going to every committee you could think of and there were three of them. All I can say, when you do this type of thing, eventually you get caught in your own nets, n-e-t-s.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes, either way, Chair recognizes Senator Whitney, then Mahoney, Duis, Warner.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I think Senator Syas hit all the nails on the head that I was going to try to drive. And I appreciate his remarks, but I want to call attention to the fact that that's the reason why I voted no yesterday was because I felt that something like this would come up the next day or the day after that and I cannot understand why this Legislature gives the Executive Board a blank check one day and then the next day goes down to the bank and says don't cash the check and so I'm, I've never in the 9 years I have been in this Legislature, asked that a bill be shifted to a different committee. I've never disputed the Executive Board on anything they've ever done but I do feel we should still have the right to descent but once we've voted for it, let's stick by our motion yesterday.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney, then Duis, then Warner.