

to represent a part of Omaha and they may be among my opponents next time, but so may it be. So may it be. I am saying with the amendment that I have proposed here that in...what Senator Cavanaugh said, there are certainly those in local positions who are under great stress not to put this on the ballot, not to put it on the ballot. So let us do it for them. Let us say that after all these years of debate, pro and con, on fluoridation, let us say that the Legislature is saying to the communities of the state, put it on the ballot without any local pressures. Put it on the ballot and let the people debate it, pro and con, prior to that election. Let the people decide it through the process of the ballot box. And I would repeat, the Constitution said that we in the Legislature shall not pass local or special laws in certain following cases. It doesn't say fluoridation because when this section of the Constitution was drawn, fluoridation was not an issue. But if we cannot lay out, or open, or alter, or do anything else with the local roads and highways, or if we can't bother their streets and their alleys and their public grounds, why should we bother their public drinking water. Senator Lewis, I hope that this amendment to your amendment will be taken as a move toward retaining local control, and, also realizing that sometimes the local officials are under a great pressure not to put something on the ballot. To Senator Johnson, I must say, again sir, I, personally, am 100% in favor of fluoridation. I hope that this does not bring about a breach between Senator Johnson and I because I consider him truly one of the fine gentlemen, one of the great legislators in this body. But I must again rise to support the idea of local control for the people in those communities. Omaha has fluoridation. I am happy with it. But I hope, again, that the Legislature will sustain the idea of local control and adopt my amendment to LB 449. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: We now have before the body the Senator Snyder amendment to the Lewis amendment and that is what is under discussion. The next to speak was Senator Carpenter. Senator Carpenter, do you care to pass. We actually have before us at this time now the Senator Snyder amendment to the Lewis amendment.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I want to speak against both of the amendments to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I happen to drop in at the Hearing, which I think was held in this room, and the principal gentleman who was opposed to this bill, I think his name was Charlie Chaplain and he had everything except the cane. He had..he said he had a lot of degrees, and all of that, but it turned out he was a music teacher, and he took up most of the time. Now, let's not bring in local control. That's like quality education. You use that when you can't think of anything else. Sometimes it is very effective. I presume everybody here goes to a dentist. I do. Now who knows anymore about this problem than those people who are dentist. If you are not going to take his recommendation, you ought to go home and fill your own teeth, because you are saying in substance you don't think he knows what he is talking about anyway. Now I could understand if the dentist were down here opposing this bill. I could understand that. They are here for the purpose, and I believe them, that they are trying to attempt to find a means by which people can have less cavities and retain their ability to eat in a normal manner prescribed originally by the Lord, I presume. There is nothing wrong with it. We have been doing it in many areas for long periods of time. People are not dying because of it or lack of it. I'm at my age, 73, I've got all my teeth except a couple of wisdom teeth and you can understand why they are gone. But I know what it is and I appreciate having