

can file who chooses to, it is surprising and even incomprehensible to me, how these men who talked so much about the democratic procedure and allowing everybody to vote for everybody who wants to run. They want to eliminate one of the critical aspects of the elective process, mainly the primary at which time, people are to be nominated. There might be 30 people who would like to run for the school board in district 66. Perhaps some of them are young, perhaps some are considered innovative or even radical. Now when you have a conservative, bigoted area like district 66, has shown itself to be in many respects, these type of individuals certainly are not going to be given an opportunity to run because they will not be selected by a caucass which reflects the power structure of district 66. Senator Snyder and others know that district 66 does not like to be a part of the Omaha school system, because they say it is inferior. They say it is too large, that the school board is too remote and not responsive to the wishes of the people. Yet when time comes to allow the school board to become more responsive to the wishes of the people, district 66 though the issue doesn't involve them. Will inject itself into Omaha politics and oppose such an effort. Now I believe that the amendment not only should be defeated, but any bill which offers the caucass procedure in place of an elective process, is not right. The very point Senator Snyder made in attempting to defend the caucass process is I think the greatest argument against it. He said 30% of the people voted in Omaha's election. A smaller percentage of those voted in the Lincoln election. The only thing that proves is that there were a greater percentage of people eligible to vote who did not vote and did, but to use that to say that the caucass procedure is going to involve people who are wiser and juster and fairer and that is what he is saying by implication, I think is far off the mark. What it really does in otherwords, the politician Senator Snyder understands, it very well, it gives a small group of highly organized well bank rolled people to control an entire process and hand pick the individuals who are to run for office and I think Senator Nore's statement, about this being the first step in the fall of the republic would be suitable here because this smacks more of what is done in places like Russia whose procedures are very condemned often on this floor, bend those procedures of the United States, whose procedures are often condemned on this floor. So I think what you ought to vote on this morning, is the type of procedure you want to have for electing people to these public offices where they are given tremendous responsibilities. There is some money from the State, from the coffers that everybody contributes to, which will go to district 66 I'm certain. So that process used by district 66 in electing those people who determine the policies of that school district, I think are of concern to the State. I feel that the classification attempted here, is unconstitutional. If a procedure is to apply, to class 3 school districts, it must apply to all of them and Senator Snyder and the others should be required to meet the same high standards that I always meet in my bill which I introduced, namely that they involve every member of a class and if he wants to make his job easier, he should do like I do, selection the classification which has only one member. Like the Omaha City Council and the Omaha Board of Education. I think you ought to defeat the amendment and the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis. We still have before us the Snyder amendment, specific amendment to 435 on select file.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the legislature, the problem of elections in districts of, third class districts, class 3 districts, and sees of the first class, have been a concern of mine and this year I tried to initiate legislation to correct a real problem. A my good friend Senator Chambers referred to the primary in a class 3 district. There is no