

PRESIDENT: Is there need for further discussion of the DeCamp amendment? The question is, shall the amendment be adopted? All those in favor, please say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered then, the DeCamp amendment is added to LB 549. Are there other amendments to the bill? The, vice excuse me, Senator Syas, you were up first.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I just, I'm not opposing the bill at all. The fact is, but I would say that, I've asked Senator DeCamp now, this makes residence requirements to comply with the Supreme Court decision on residency. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you care to respond?

SENATOR DECAMP: The Supreme Court, has not specifically addressed itself at this point to residency requirements, for running for office. They have addressed themselves to residency requirements for voting and related things. There fore, in light of the fact that they have indicated very strongly, that unreasonable residency requirements, are unconstitutional for a variety of things, it was felt, at least I felt, that we should standardize them in this State, prior to this time, and independent of any Supreme Court decision or threats or anything. It makes sense that we should have reasonable residency requirements, and I think the, I think it is 6 months or a year, whatever it was, in the amendment, is the reasonable residency requirements.

SENATOR SYAS: But Senator you based, that you anticipate though that the Supreme Court will rule along this line and you might as well do it now.

SENATOR DECAMP: I'm absolutely convinced of that.

SENATOR SYAS: And your also, this is a State wide concern, right?

SENATOR DECAMP: That is correct, makes it standardized for--

SENATOR SYAS: The reason I brought this up, the reason I injected this little testimony in it, since State wide concern and since your looking at it from a court angle, this appears to me though that we are amending the Omaha city charter.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well--

SENATOR SYAS: and the Lancaster, I mean the Lincoln city charter.

SENATOR DECAMP: What your bringing up is a very good and valid point, and that is why the amendment is specifically says, I think Vince can read it to you, but it says something in the effect that this is a matter of State wide concern, for standardized procedures irrespective of any home rule charter that said of the contrary.

SENATOR SYAS: See, in order to, for the record, that is in what the people of Omaha, will vote on the 12, on Ernie, on Senator Chambers proposition next Tuesday. But you see it could or could not loose and the mere fact that it's the residency requirements are relaxed, but it could loose because of the other parts of the amendments. So we will never know if it lost, if it looses or wins, whether that was a thing that did or did not do it, so I just wanted to get that into the testimony that, well wait, Senator Stull hands me this, that you get this morning we adopted a rule except home rule, charter village, county or school district election members.

SENATOR DECAMP: Pardon?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, let Senator Stull handle it.

SENATOR DECAMP: I haven't seen that.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I think an amendment that we adopted this morning in about the fifth line