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form, it was introduced by Senator Duke Snyder, the distinguished senator from the 14th District in Omaha. And it called for district election of school board members in Class 4 Districts which would be Lincoln. I was able to have my name placed on the bill and he immediately had his taken off so it became my bill. I asked the Education Committee to amend it to include Class 5 Districts which is Omaha and Class 3 which is some of the larger districts. And the Education Committee adopted those amendments most graciously, then explicitly killed or voted to kill the bill. The reason I'm trying to have the bill raised at this time when the Education Committee took its action, three of the members who would have supported the bill were absent. That was just an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances. I'm not going to go through all of the argument that I've given so many times as to why there ought to be district election of school board members. I would like the bill raised and give me the opportunity to move it across the board with all of the sizable districts being required to elect school board members by district. This would take away the Governor's objection if he was speaking in sincerity when he vetoed my other bill this year and two years ago. There's only one other point I want to make. My primary concern obviously is with the situation in Omaha which is where I live and with which I'm intimately associated. I want you all to understand that I don't just talk about schools and the welfare of children. I visit schools. This session, because of the nature of the session, I haven't visited as many schools in Omaha as I usually do during the session but I've been to a number of schools in Lincoln. I'm interested in the welfare of children....in the schools. I think a very important aspect of education is who makes policy decisions. In Omaha, the proper activities are not being engaged in by the school board. When Senator Stahmer had a bill to merge District 66 with the rest of the school (Omaha) board district, you had an opportunity to hear people from District 66 talk about the inferiority of the Omaha school system. They talked about the remoteness of the Board. The impossibility of having the proper relationship between teachers and students because of the size of the district. Well, from this, understand why it's necessary for every group in the City of Omaha to have some representation on this board which is not properly doing its job. With these few words, I'm going to ask that you allow me to place LB901 as amended on General File notwithstanding the action of the Education Committee.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion, this is a motion by Senator Chambers to place LB901 on General File notwithstanding the actions of the committee. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I'm going to be very brief with this. This is Class 4 school district and it's Lincoln and really in some respects I could, shouldn't care what Lincoln does but of course Senator Chamber's idea is to put Class 3's and Class 5's in here by amendment which the Education Committee did before they killed the bill. The only thing I'm going to say here is that we've run this through on Class 5 once. Now, if it ever does go though I will have to say that it should go with 3, 4, and 5 and probably 2 and 6 with it. But then it should be uniform, I'll grant him that much. But I think that once a session is enough, I think that we're going to have a school board election in November up in Omaha and I'm only speaking about Omaha right now. There may be some changes on the school board and maybe by next session we can work something out that might bring us half way both ways but