

you're not up for election that they did very well in defending their home grounds and home territories. And, I know that they had worked real hard on this. I say to Senator Savage who has worked tirelessly to see that District 66 remains in the district without being molested, that there is feeling within the two school districts that somewhere along the line this issue will be decided. And, I think there can no better place than to let this be by a vote of the people.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson, Stahmer, Cavanaugh, Whitney, in that order.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Question of Senator Stahmer, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Do you yield?

SENATOR STAHMER: Yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: This election you're talking about, how would this be conducted? How would the votes be tallied? As a unit?

SENATOR STAHMER: It would be tallied within all of the... registered voters within the precincts, within District 66 and within the precincts of the City of Omaha...public school district.

SENATOR DICKINSON: They would have to carry by majority vote in each of the districts counted separately?

SENATOR STAHMER: No, it would be by a majority of those voting.

SENATOR DICKINSON: You've answered my question, you've made it very clear what you have in mind. Thank you. I call for record vote whenever it comes to a vote, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, Mr. President, and members of the Body. It amazes me that when I see two lawyers get up here, namely, Senators Proud and Fellman, and say well, we can't put this up to a vote of the people. And everybody talks about democracy. And yet no one talks about a constitutional republic. We don't have a democracy, I admit that. If we had a democracy, it would have been put up to a vote of the people. What do we have? We've got a constitutional republic. But what's in the constitution? Included in the Nebraska constitution is reference to the United States constitution that calls for equality before the law, equal treatment. And, do we think about that? Oh, no. No, no. Just give me what the people want. All right, I try to give you what the people want. I say let the people decide. Oh, no, we can't do that. So now we're going down two tracks that aren't parallel. Why don't we either do one of two things. Let the people decide in a democratic fashion or let's abide by the constitution that says equality. And, by God, we don't have equality in the education in Omaha. And you can't prove that we do because they won't have the type of tests where we can show what's going on. And it's alleged that the Omaha School Board doesn't want this. Well, I've got news for you. One hell of a lot of them told me they