

March 8, 1979

LB 133, 305

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, I move that the E & R amendment to LB 133 be adopted.

SENATOR NICHOL: All those in favor of adopting the amendment please signify by saying aye, opposed nay. It is adopted. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, I move that LB 133 be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR NICHOL: All those in favor of advancing the bill please signify by saying aye, opposed nay. It is advanced. Senator Hoagland has some visitors with us this morning, sixteen seniors from Brownell-Talbot in Omaha and one teacher, Helen B. Adams, who is chairman of the History Department I believe it says. They are under the South balcony. Will you please stand and be recognized? Excuse me, they are in the South balcony, not under the South balcony. Thank you. We will continue with #8 and go to LB 305 and we have a motion to return. Senator George, did you wish to speak to this?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator George moves to return LB 305 to Select File. His specific amendment may be found on page 413 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I guess if Senator Chambers doesn't have his loudspeaker on somebody should go for a mercy mission...oh, there he is. The amendment is a rather simple one. As you know the election procedure in the City of Lincoln for the school district is that the city school district is subdivided into districts and in the primary the election goes by district and the top two from each district then come on the ballot for an at large election in the...I guess, in the November election, so it is a mixture of both systems which I believe will guarantee that the interests of both sides, those that want at large and those that want by district, would be taken care of very nicely. What the amendment does is simply to conform our other large city, the City of Omaha and its school district to the same election provision as Lincoln already has. We have had fights on the floor previously on this and unfortunately when we changed a law for Omaha, I tried rather unsuccessfully to convince both sides to come to this compromise where both principles would be recognized. It was not possible at the time. I hope that now we can with