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SENATOR STONEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stoney, since you read about the three issues where a vote was taken in Omaha as to city councils, what type of plan was being considered in the first vote, and what were the circumstances surrounding that plan?

SENATOR STONEY: All I can say is that I'm sure it was a district election concept. I can't say whether it was by district in the primary and at large in the general.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How about the second one?

SENATOR STONEY: The second I cannot respond to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Stoney. Can you see the type of opposition that people like me have to deal with? Things are lumped together which are totally disparate in nature and among things disparate in nature there can be no comparison. Now if you can continue to do this and not even be aware of what you are talking about, and that is an argument which carries the day down in this Legislature, then you ought to wonder how I can come down here and function day after day. I'm sorry that Senator Newell is willing to give up the principle. I will not.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, and then Senator Cope, and then Senator Koch. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the DeCamp amendment, and you can bet on it, that John has counted nostrils and he can tell you probably what the exact vote count will be. I think it's rather interesting to know why certain members of the County Board oppose a district election. I would suspect that come 1981 you might find an entire new Board if this bill should pass in its original form and not with the DeCamp amendment. Right now, for example, in the city of Omaha, looking at the Douglas County Board or looking at the Omaha City Council, I don't think there is one member on the Omaha City Council, and I don't think... I, as a matter of fact I know there is not a member on the Omaha City Council, and I'm almost sure that there is no one on the County Board who lives east of 42nd Street in the city of Omaha, who is now serving on either one of those two Boards or City Council. Wrong? I think there is one on the County Board and that's George Buglewicz. Well,