

ladies and gentlemen, I can only...I can only tell you from talking to a number of people since being in the Legislature that district elections, whether it be for the City Council, whether it be for the County Board, is certainly in the best interests of the people in Douglas County. I think it's a personal thing, and I think when people know someone from their area is representing them on the City Council, or representing them on the County Board, they're more apt to call that person because they know that person. Right now you can talk to ninety percent...ninety percent of the people in Douglas County, and I'll bet they couldn't tell you who the...who one member of the County Board is...not one single member, and I'm talking ninety percent of the people in Douglas County. I don't think South Omaha has been represented in the City Council, and I don't their voice has been heard on the City Council in the past thirty to forty years, and I say that simply because there has not been somebody from South Omaha representing them on the Omaha City Council. I have to agree with Senator DeCamp. I think the destiny of the bill has already been determined, and I think if this particular amendment is adopted, the bill has a good chance of passing. If the amendment is not adopted, well that Board will be on fire probably sometime soon. So I guess...you know, I guess I am unyielding to a certain extent, but being down here for three years you begin to mellow, and I would suspect that I would have to wait and see what happens on this particular amendment, and at this point if we're being honest, and if we're being serious and sincere, you will vote the bill in its proper form right now, this afternoon...no playing of any games, and I think if you want to know what the feeling is of the majority of the people in Douglas County, I think it would be without the DeCamp amendment. That is all, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope, and then Senator Koch.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question's been called for. Do I see five hands? Shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carried. Debate has ceased. We are on the DeCamp...I would remind the Legislature that we have four amendments to this bill. This is just the first one. We're ready to consider the first of four