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SENATOR SIMON: ...with the amendment that we just passed, whereby we've gone to a compromise I guess is the only word I can use, was this...with the vote of people now would it be taking this issue before them with the nominations by district in elections at large. Is that your understanding?

SENATOR KELLY: My understanding is that if you pass this amendment, in order to go to district elections in Douglas County, you'd have to have vote of the people.

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Kelly, let me ask the question again. As we just passed the DeCamp amendment and with your amendment on it, all that the people would be doing then is you would force the elections...you'd force an election, but it would be...it would not be the purebred, it would be only where they would nominated by district and elected at large. Your amendment does not negate the DeCamp amendment. It is merely offered in addition. Now do you understand that?

SENATOR KELLY: I understand that my amendment would, in order to have district elections in Douglas County on a County Board, you'd have to have vote of the people.

SENATOR SIMON: I think that's what you said the first time. Let me try one more time, Senator Kelly. With the DeCamp amendment, you are not going to have district elections. If we do not pass another amendment on 345 today and move it, we will not have district elections in Douglas County. We will have nominations by district. We will have elections at large. So with or without the Kelly amendment, we will not have district elections in Douglas County. Now what you are purporting to do then is to further complicate it by having the people vote on the issue, but all they're going to be voting on, Senator Kelly, is whether or not they can nominate by district, but then they would still elect at large.

SENATOR KELLY: What's the question, Senator Simon?

SENATOR SIMON: I just wanted to know how this fit in with the amendment that we just passed by Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR KELLY: So there is no question.

SENATOR SIMON: I guess there is not, Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much.