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SENATOR SIMON: I rise to oppose the Kelly amendment. I think perhaps it was written for the purpose of discussing the issue of district elections prior to Senator DeCamp's amendment being passed, but as you can see now the amendment serves no useful purpose, because whether or not the issue of district elections...the people should decide that, that's not the issue anymore. The Legislature has already made the determination, at least today by 25 votes, that we are going to nominate by district and elect at large, so we're not going to have a district election. Now certainly, and I don't even think I'm going to vote for that particular bill, Senator Kelly, as amended, but certainly that does not require a vote of the people, whether or not we're going to just merely nominate by district and elect at large. I think perhaps, as originally written, your amendment had some merit or some resemblance of discussion by this body, but as the bill is now in the proper state, Senator Kelly, the amendment serves no useful purpose. I rise to oppose the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to remind Senator Chambers that in South Omaha when we wanted a representative on the County Board or the City Council, we saw to it that he was elected. John Cavanaugh... I can't recall, but as far back as I can remember, he lived on 39th and R Street, and he was elected to the County Board, and I'm just saying this as a guess, between 15 to 20 years. We also have County Board...George Buglewicz. We go out and work for our candidates and make sure that they're elected if we want representation in South Omaha. The fact that South Omaha needs representation, we've always had it. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Newell, did you wish to speak to this?

SENATOR NEWELL: I'd like to call the question.

SENATOR NICHOL: That's all there are anyway, Senator Newell, so Senator Kelly, did you wish to close on your amendment? No closing. We are now voting on the Kelly amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Okay, we have a request to have the amendment read, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, it's on Page 1219 of the Journal. Okay.