

is designed for community development, the improvement of housing and put it in the Central Park Mall. Naturally this has run into conflicts and the Department of Housing and Urban Development has said that Omaha's hiring and upgrading policies are so discriminatory that unless they correct these practices too, that community development money may be held up which goes to about \$5,000,000. We had problems dealing with scattered site housing and Senator Koch even offered a resolution for the Legislature to study it. On the one hand people are going to say down here, let Omaha handle it's problems, but it becomes clear that with the monolithic type city council that exists now too many of the problems in Omaha are not adequately dealt with and only by letting all parts of the city being represented can these problems be handled. The business men in Omaha are not confident in the Mayor or the council's ability to operate that city. The Mayor, a few days ago, trotted himself over to the offices of I think the President of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or Northern Natural Gas to have a meeting with business men on how to run the city. Now this is very unseemly. Business men like any other citizens have a right to offer advice and suggestions, but for the Mayor to prostrate himself before these business interests, which are also trying to get community development money diverted into downtown to benefit their particular interests, is not a good thing for the citizens to see. So in order that the city can properly be run, and that all aspects of the city will have representation on that council, LB 329 ought to be left alone. I'm opposed to Senator Pirsch's motion, and in sitting down I hope to tell you that Senator Venditte has some problems with a waste disposal plant that's been dropped in his community and has never functioned thanks to the present city council and those which preceded it, and I'm sure were he on the city council or somebody like him...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you would have seen more care and concern given to that part of the city. But I hope you will look at the sheet that I handed to you. It is just a partial list of the number of cities which elect by districts. There are forty-three on this list. There are more, but I have not had the opportunity to do exhaustive research. I ask you to defeat Senator Pirsch's motion and leave this bill alone. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte.