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LB 423

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, so ordered.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, the purpose of LB 423 is to add one member to the Natural Resources District Board that would be a member selected to represent the metropolitan area, a city of the metropolitan class, which the only one we have got in the state is Omaha, and it would add one member to any NRD board that had a city of the metropolitan class in its district. The Papio NRD is the one that would be affected in this case and the number, for example, that we are adding is just one member so that the metropolitan area of Omaha would have a voice on that board. Right now we have a third, approximately a third of the state, or at least twenty-five percent, I will back off a little, twenty-five percent of the state that is not even represented on a board. The bill is to do nothing but add one spokesman for that metropolitan area to the NRD board that affects their area. For that reason I would ask that you advance LB 423 to E & R Initial. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR COPE: Senator Goodrich, I guess what I don't understand is the Papio District, yes, or that district would have three members in where the other...I don't mean three members, they would have one more member than any of the other districts in the state, is that correct?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Right now, for example, the City of Omaha is represented by a gentleman, just a minute, by the name of Warren Patefield from Hartington, Nebraska, Hartington and Laurel area. Now that is approximately two hundred miles from Omaha because of the fact that the Papio NRD District goes from Sarpy County, that one tier of counties, right up to the South Dakota border and the voting arrangement in that is such that the man that represents Omaha in that district is from Hartington, Nebraska. Now is that fair? Omaha does not have any representative guaranteed on this board at all.

SENATOR COPE: I know but is that any different though than say Central Platte NRD, that stretches from about Gothenburg down to Central City and probably Kearney