SENATOR CLARK: We've got seven minutes. Pardon me, eleven
minutes. I don't think you could use it all up.

SENATOR KOCH: Knowing how fragile time is, Mr. Chairman,
on these kinds of issues, I'll pass up this opportunity
but hope Senator Wesely sometime will stop talking too
much.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I repre-
sent a section of Lincoln in the north area of town that has
consistently supported district elections in the hopes that
it will bring a more responsive city and school board to
cast their attention and their interest in our area of town.
I also have concluded that district elections are the superior
public policy but in this case, LB 688, we are asking for the
right to take to our voters the question of whether or not
straight districts are superior to the hybrid system we have
now. By creating the hybrid system in law we effectively
have precluded our people from using the petition process
because statutory interpretation says, last in time, rules,
most specific in time, rules, and the provisions for petition
are general and they are older than the language that author-
izes the hybrid system. Under the normal statutory rules the
petition method is not available to the City of Lincoln. For
that reason LB 688 is an important piece of legislation for
the self-determination of Lincoln voters in the choice of
the method of electing the members of the Board of Education
in our class of school district.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely, do you wish to close? No
closing. The question before the House is the advancement
of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.
Have you all voted on the advancement of the bill? Once
more, have you all voted? Senator Wesely, I'm going to
call the vote.

SENATOR WESELY: How many are absent, Mr. President?

SENATOR CLARK: Six.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, how about if we had a Call of the
House?

SENATOR CLARK: A Call of the House has been requested.
All those in favor of a Call of the House vote aye, opposed
vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.