

yes or no, in choosing the Speaker as a representative of the Legislature for the purposes of the Vickers proposal. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Lamb amendment, divided number one? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Lamb's first amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment, as divided, portion number one, is adopted. Now then for the second part of the amendment, the number. I don't quite have the language before me.

CLERK: It simply strikes 20 and inserts 10, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Do you want to speak further on that, Senator Vickers, on the number? Bear in mind in about four minutes we'll have to go into a ceremony. I might have to interrupt you.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, members, I reluctantly rise to oppose this part of the Lamb amendment, reluctantly because I understand the serious financial difficulties that we, the Legislature, are going to have as well, and knowing full well that we probably...undoubtedly it would cost less to send only 10 people to Washington as opposed to 20. But it seems to me that the severity of this problem is such that we can surely afford to send a large enough delegation from Nebraska to, hopefully, effectuate what we are asking for. I think that if we cut it down to ten, since Nebraska is the one that is leading this effort, then the other nine states will probably send very small numbers as well, even though they have two-house legislatures with more people involved. Then we are going to wind up with maybe 100 people at the most in Washington. Remember, you are going there to talk to a Congress with 535 members. You are going there to talk to a bureaucracy, the Department of Agriculture, the executive branch, and it seems to me we are going to be spreading ourselves very thin. Senator Lamb and I, both, in the past, have been members of an organization, the Rural Electric Association, when we would converge on Washington occasionally. Remember that, Senator Lamb? We would try to go there with numbers so that we would have enough people from across the nation to effectively lobby, if you will, for our positions. That is really what we are doing here.