

differential. I'd ask your support for the amendment and again keep in mind the concerns of the urban areas from these NRDs for the adequate representation of all people in those districts.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, please.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm not going to fight this amendment because as I believe I told you last week that I see the board is already doing these type of things. I think the present board on this commission is represented by the City of Lincoln right now and I understand he is going to retire and I understand that there is another member from the City of Lincoln is going to be appointed in his place. So I think actually what they're wanting is there and that's what I said. I said I think the organization is realizing the problems within the metropolitan areas or cities and the rural area, but when Senator Wesely starts saying, well, this is a foot in the door, it kind of bothers me a little bit because I'm pleased with the present setup and I get a little irritated when they feel that they are not represented when so many things have been done to the City of Lincoln and it bothers me and I don't like to accept that. And I'll tell you, if he comes up with that bill, I'll fight that one, but this particular issue I have no problem because I can see some merit in it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I really have no objection to Senator Beutler's amendment. I want to say that I don't concur with...I'm not picking a fight, Senator Beutler, but I don't concur with your conclusion that there is an unfair method of election, but, nonetheless, I have no problem with the amendment and would, in fact, support it and perhaps would encourage some of the individuals from the metropolitan areas to become more interested and the primary city class areas to become more interested in the work of the NRDs and possibly that way they could participate more fully. But I would have no objection to the amendment and would urge its support.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, would you like to close on your amendment, please.