

understand why they feel that they need this change unless it is something like I said earlier. They just want to change it for sake of changing. They feel that they're having an unfair advantage because most of the tax base is coming from Lincoln and Omaha and they need to have more voice. I can assure you that Lincoln and Omaha is getting the benefits of the works of improvement that are out there on the land, from several works of improvement. I also know that in Omaha there is a structure to be built or could be built on the Papio right next to the Washington County line, a site that wasn't available a few years ago but it is available today and it would be a beautiful site for the protection of Omaha. Yes, it would flood back into Washington County, but I'm sure that this would be accepted a lot easier than the one clear up in Washington County. They want to get rid of those directors up in Washington County so they don't oppose to such a project. This is wrong. The people should have a chance to express themselves even though they are in the minority in the area. And I also want you to know that the people that are out there are listening to the people that are there, and when the works of improvement are to be made, you want to hear from the people. Now on Lower Platte South they have a project, the Weeping Water Creek they call it. This is just getting on line. That one director out there, just one director that is out there at the present time has to steer it. Now if you take that one director away, how are you going to ever implement this? Now I know that he has done a beautiful job in getting the plan orchestrated so to speak so that it will work and run and yet you want to lower it down to seven directors. I just...it's hard for me to understand this, very hard. How about...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SIECK: ...when you vote, that you don't know your directors? How about some other areas, the county attorneys? How many people know the county attorneys when you vote here in Lincoln? How many know how the judge acts when you retain the judgeship? How many people know that? Tell me. Very, very few. And when you say you have a low vote turnout for some of the people out there that's voting, that's good. The people that are voting know that individual and they are going to vote for what they understand that individual should be and that is the way it should be. Yet if you look at the voting percentage of the