

doing that day after day if the cattle aren't there. What they need are feedlots closer to Omaha so that these three packing plants will be able to open up again. I can also recall, and there is not too many senators that were here, but listening to Senator Landis and Senator Chambers, way back in 1972 we had on the ballot City Council by district. At that time, Senator Beutler, Senator Chambers, Senator Vard Johnson, Senator Landis and Senator Wesely, who are voting...who voted the other day to kill LR 16, voted to, I shouldn't say slap the people in the face, but it was on the ballot three different times. In 1972 the people of Omaha voted 85,000 to 47,000 they did not want a change on City Council by district. In 1973 they voted 60,000 to 24,000 they did not want a change. In 1978 they voted 22,000 to 16,000 they did not want a change. But in 1979 we introduced, someone introduced LB 329 and I can't recall who did it, and this Legislature, I should say it again, slapped the voters in the face and said, we are not putting it on the ballot the fourth time, we are telling you we are going to have City Council by district and the bill was passed and we have City Council by district. I am not saying it is working badly but I am saying three years in a row we put it on the ballot it won by a high margin, as Senator Landis said, he mentioned the fact that it was a very high percentage that LR 300...or the Initiative 300 was passed. I will tell you this, I went to the polls, I voted for 300. My family voted for 300. We recall at the end of my block on South 40th Street, we have a little grocery store that was there for about 25 years of my married life, the big supermarkets came in and they took it over. That is the reason I voted for 300. I am thinking about gas and oil companies. I wouldn't want to see my service station in my neighborhood a block away with a bill in here saying that they cannot be operated by anyone other than a family. I would hate to see those closed because of maybe corporate ownership. I really believe we should keep LR 16 alive. There should be some changes. That is the only reason I am voting for it. I will never vote for a complete repeal of Initiative 300.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers. I would like to announce this speaking order after Senator Chambers. Senators Harris, DeCamp, Schmit, Pappas, Nelson, Vickers, Conway, Scofield, Hefner, Abboud and Hall. Senator Chambers.