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SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate Senator Sieck's and Senator Smith's and Senator Landis's support. Senator Nelson, I think you are misinterpreting what the amendment does, and as Senator Landis said, I think what we are trying to do is just find out the situation, that this is not a one man, one vote amendment to this bill. I wouldn't suggest that at all but here is the situation. We have studied this thing for 8 years since I have been down here. We have tried to find out the situation, tried to understand it. We got some information out of the Lower Platte South NRD. They did make some changes. They improved the situation. We appreciated it. The Omaha NRD now under attack is starting to make changes similar, and they have got information and they are starting to change, and they see the need, but we found in research actually that those two were the biggest problem areas, that a lot of the rest of the NRDs really weren't that out of kilter but we didn't know for sure. We could only guess and we didn't have the information. The NRDs didn't have it and they really didn't care much about it. We have talked to some of these people and all we are asking is take a look at the situation. Make your best estimate. It doesn't have to be on the mark, you know. Sometimes it is hard because these subdistricts don't follow the closest lines of different political subdivisions so they are just going to make the best guess as to the situation, and then we will finally know, and the Public Works Committee will finally know, what the deal is out there, and you know if you want to have my guess, I guess the worst inequities will be in Lincoln and Omaha and probably the rest of the state won't be so bad but we won't know that until we get the information. So I ask you, please, don't be fearful of this amendment. It is an information gathering amendment and I would ask your support for it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the return of the bill for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR WESELY: Board check in, I guess, and a roll call.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Roll call has been asked for. Senator Wesely, what did you ask for, just a roll call? We should be here, we are on Final Reading. Okay, just call the roll,