

cross county lines, that extension of responsibility for the maintenance...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...of standards is important. Don't confuse this kind of a strip zoning issue as a violation of those wonderful standards we have had in the state for years for planning and zoning. And I'm telling you, for one, the standards we have for planning and zoning, the fact that some metro...some cities can cross county lines stinks, and you ought to know that. We ought to start to recognize that and I think if our bill don't get out of committee on planning and zoning, Senator Schellpeper, or anybody else, we ought to do the same thing that we've been doing with 551, bring it to the floor so the whole body can talk about these issues and not just a bunch of professional planners who want to maintain authority and control and not give the vote to people for their own determination, future. So I support this. I think, good or bad, this is a good precedent for us to establish.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Lynch, your light was next, do you wish to continue? Senator Lynch. Senator Lynch, your light was next, do you wish to continue or...?

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, do you want to hear any more? All...

SPEAKER BAACK: Can we vote on that?

SENATOR LYNCH: All I would...I would just say this, I will use very little time and I appreciate that. I'm serious, everybody. We've got to start...you know, I've introduced bills that had to do with planning and zoning for four or five years now and it is frustrating so I'm probably taking my frustration out now, because they come to these hearings and they're overwhelmed with sometime city officials and planning and zoning people who seem to want to leave the impression there is something sacred. Well, if there is something sacred about what they don't want to do, why don't they just adopt the rules that applied to Douglas, Omaha, Lincoln, Lancaster County back in 1929 and give these counties a break across the state as it applies to being able to manage their own affairs and let's do something about doing away with these limits where planning and zoning exists in the counties. So I would end that and hope you would support this