

time the pay for a county commissioner is \$22,783. By increasing it two more county commissioners, which would be seven, it would be an increase for Douglas County of \$45,566, plus hiring staff for two additional county commissioners. As I said in 1989, I'll say it again, we do not need seven county commissioners, and we certainly have been very successful. And I supported Senator Warner the other day when it came to Lancaster County, and I think the system that they use here in Lancaster County is just marvelous, it's worked well. I see no reasons for change. I think that five Douglas County Commissioners, elected or nominated by district and elected at large, will give everybody the opportunity, during the primary, to run for a county commissioner. And then the accountability, and I have always said that I and many others in Douglas County prefer to have all five county commissioners accountable to them, and in that way... And I never did approve of the city council, either, by district. And, as I said, with the Lancaster County, and I hate to repeat myself, but when you have the problems that we've had in south Omaha, with landfills, paunch manure sites and compost sites, you get only your representative voting against it, I would prefer that all five city councilmen and all five... or all seven city councilmen, and all five county commissioners accountable to what happens in my district in south Omaha, rather than say, well, we know that you represent south Omaha, you can go ahead and vote against it, but the rest of them could care less where a landfill is, or where paunch manure, or a compost site is located. And so I would prefer that we change the committee amendments to nominate five county commissioners, rather than the seven that the committee has amended into LB 789, and then elect them at large, the five. That would save Douglas County the expense of additional two commissioners, plus their staff, which could easily go close to 75,000 or more. Furthermore, Douglas County doesn't have the space for seven county commissioners now. I'd hate to see them say that we're going to have to build additional rooms, or renovate the City-County Building to accommodate seven county commissioners. Luckily it isn't that I'm not standing here arguing for nine, because that would be absolutely ridiculous. Thank you. And I urge the members of the body to adopt the committee amendment, the Labeledz amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Next we have Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Hall, on the amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Chambers.