

hours of work, mandatory approval of time off and other management right infringements. And so with that I simply on behalf of my city administrator and our police chief simply ask that this amendment be adopted to include first classes into this bill because I think we are a suburb of Omaha and maybe we're the only ones that will be affected. The City of Bellevue will be affected but they did draw their contracts basically like Omaha's contract and so this bill should hopefully, with the adoption of the amendment, would help the police powers of the police chief of being able to, as Senator Chambers said, assigning people, more experienced people to areas. So with that I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the Hartnett amendment, Senator Witek. Senator Hall, on the Hartnett amendment. Senator Chambers, on the Hartnett amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Hartnett had talked to me about this amendment early on when this bill had been introduced and I agreed to it. I had even talked to the police chief of Lincoln and he had indicated that he did not envision the administration of Lincoln ever bargaining away such powers as these, so Lincoln would not be faced with that kind of a problem. But I am accepting the amendment that Senator Hartnett offered because I think wherever this exists as a problem, it needs to be addressed.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Robinson, did you wish to address the Hartnett amendment?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have a couple of questions for Senator Hartnett.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hartnett, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I'd try to answer.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How many, what did you call them, Class I's...

SENATOR HARTNETT: First class.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How many first class cities do we have?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Twenty-nine.