

SENATOR ROBINSON: How many of them have bargaining agreements?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I don't know, but probably, maybe all of them.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So we don't know how many have bargaining agreements that have to do with police and how they can regulate them and so forth. Aren't we taking a big step when we go out and say, all Class I cities, we're delving into their negotiated agreements with their police departments? It seems to me if they went up there and they bargained fair and square, it's like the mayor of Omaha. He bargained that thing. I think the onus is on the mayor of Omaha. I don't know why he comes down to...why we have a bill in the Legislature for it, but in Class I cities, I have one Class I city and I can't vote for it until I talk to them. I mean it seems to me that we're bringing a lot of people in, they don't know about it and we ought to talk to them. And I don't know if they have an agreement like the bill Senator Chambers has on the floor now or not, but I think we should know. I don't know, and I can't support it at this time until I know more about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Hartnett, did you wish to address...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I think simply I brought this amendment simply from our city. I think that maybe I'd like to vote on the amendment. I think that maybe the city administration over time have given away the police powers to union negotiation because that's the responsibility of police chiefs is assignment of people and so maybe the mistake has been made and I think that maybe Senator Chambers with this bill brings it back to where it should have been before. With that I'd just simply ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Lynch. Senator Chambers, did you wish to speak again to this amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Robinson a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I brought my crutches up, Ernie, because I