

could avoid further Baldwin incidences by simply doing this. I'm going to talk later on a little bit about it even a little more in much more detail. There is apparently one first class city that thinks that they would like to be a part of it. I would have been more comfortable if Paul's amendment would have read first class cities which was in fact the City of Bellevue only. I would agree with Senator Robin-on that it would have been interesting to hear from other first class cities to see whether they wanted to be a part of it. I'm not sure if they're all organized. They probably have some kind of work agreements. Being a union person or not really doesn't have that much to do with it. There are work contracts and agreements in many places in all kinds of organizations and in some cases obviously it is not a union bargaining unit but simply an employee bargaining unit. So in any case, we're going to talk about this and debate it some more and I'm going to try to listen with an open mind and make up my mind. I very seldom disagree with Senator Chambers. In this case though I have some concerns and I would think Senator Hartnett's amendment should be changed so it applies only to Bellevue.

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

SENATOR WITEK: Yes, please. I was going to save if some of my comments to later, too, but Senator Chambers keeps talking about what I think are the wrong facts and so if you're going to start making decisions now, maybe you'd better have what I consider the right facts in mind. Who wouldn't jump in to an opportunity to go against collective bargaining agreements? Like Senator Chambers admitted, no one asked him to do this. He just went ahead and did this and then went back and said, you know, do you want to agree with me on this? Well what mayor or what chief of police is going to come out and say, no, I don't want to agree with you on something like this? Now there is two issues that you have to think about when you look at this bill. I was afraid you would just look at the one that Senator Chambers is focusing on and that is the Omaha Police Department. If you want to focus on that issue, I have plenty of facts that we can talk about at a later date that they are equally distributed throughout the city, that each precinct has at least half the people in those precincts are senior officers. That is in their collective bargaining agreement. We're only talking about the other half. Also the reason that some of these figures won't look like they should really is because they have an additional