

retired. That's where the problem lies presently, but there is no way around that. Yes, we do need more officers in Omaha, clearly we do. I concur with the World-Herald on that, but not in the manner in which they portrayed it necessarily in yesterday's editorial, but that's a fact. And, Ernie, you know me, I'm going to deal with you straight up, I always have, always will, and I don't rarely, I can't think of a time I've come crying to anybody on how I made a mistake or haven't made a mistake. I'll wear it just like I do everything. I would again urge you to oppose the Hartnett amendment. I don't think that it adds to the bill at this time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Well I feel like somebody who has been wounded as an innocent bystander with respect LB 757. I rise to support Senator Chambers on this issue. I generally support the labor-management negotiation process, but I think the distribution of our police resources to the maximum justification and achievement of the public safety should be our highest priority and that's a fair goal to achieve. Secondly, with respect, just to clarify the record, somebody who is in a labor-management agreement or a setting cannot waive their safety committee obligations under 757. The law simply says they have to implement it through collective bargaining, but they have the affirmative of obligation to have a safety committee, you can't negotiate it away, I just thought I'd clean up the record on that score with a little spray of ammunition on the side here and I felt myself kind of "blchh" whizzing by my ear, just want to get the public record straight here and understand that I'm also a supporter of LB 717.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Yours is the last light on, Senator Hartnett, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I don't know if there is 25 people left here, but what my bill simply, or my amendment does to Senator Chambers', I do support Senator Chambers' bill as it was even without my amendment. But it simply opens it up to first class cities and I had a letter that I passed around with that because I think we, the city administration and the police chief bargained some of their rights away because I think we have to be concerned about public safety and welfare and the person that can do that best job is