

issue of what 717 does. It says that we are going to as a public policy remove the issue of where officers work from the bargaining table, period. We're going to take it off the table. It is no longer going to be a bargaining issue even though presently, and I don't have...I apologize, I don't have the information here because I didn't have time to go down and get the file; but there currently are I think 15 comparable cities that the City of Omaha is compared to that currently have this provision as part of their...it's an unwritten contract, but seniority is used for the police forces as purposes of deciding where they work. Three other cities that are similarly situated do have it in writing as the City of Omaha does. I will get that information as soon as I can, and I will distribute it to the membership. But that's what these amendments do. These amendments look at a number of issues that are also bargaining table issues and removes them from the table as well. Most of them happen to favor the police as the one that is in LB 717 as Senator Chambers has brought favors the city and the mayor, the chief of police. The purpose behind the amendments was to point out that if you pass LB 717, which I do not believe should take place. I don't think we should pass this bill. I think it is bad public policy, and I will continue to fight it. I am not, though, going to waste the body's time with 16 amendments on the bill. There are other bills that have to be addressed yet. There's a number of issues that I have pending on other measures and I've got a bill on Final Reading that has 21 amendments on it that I don't expect the introducer of those will be as kind and gentle as I am being here. I'm going to just try and keep the bill from passing by working the body and I'm sure that Senator Chambers will do the same. At this point in time, I'm not going to delay the issue of voting LB 717 up or down. I'm just going to ask for a board vote on when it moves over to Select File to E & R for engrossing. I'm going to continue to argue and listen to the debate, but I'm not going to offer any of these amendments at present. And I would ask, Mr. Clerk, that en masse they be withdrawn if that's an appropriate request.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Hall. They are withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, anything else on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Any discussion on the bill itself? Senator