

over to E & R and you ultimately pass it into law, what you're going to see happen is that the amendments, the type of which I had pending, are going to continue to show up in the form of bills. You're going to basically negate the collective bargaining process at the local level which I do not believe the State of Nebraska should be doing. We should not be involved in this. It is a local issue. It is one that for whatever reason was introduced by Senator Chambers but it is not of the magnitude or of the import that the precedent that it would set would ultimately leave with this state. Because what you will see happen is union after union come down or management after management come down and ask for the same type of treatment only as it relates to their unions, and they will use this bill as the precedent for which they do that. That is bad public policy for us to begin. I would urge that you vote no to advancing this bill over to E & R for engrossing, but I don't intend to take any more time on it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud. I don't see him. Senator Lynch, you're next. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, I just thought I would rise to remind everybody that I am opposed to this legislation for many of the reasons mentioned by Senator Hall, but also to remind you that the chief now has the option of reassigning four people on each shift, the afternoon and evening shift, to any area or any community in the city where he thinks it's important, any officer on any shift where they think it might be important to help maintain order and provide safety. You know, if we were looking for a single incident to justify something, just the last week there were gangland related incidents at 89th or 88th and Dodge Street by the Indian Hills Theater, there was a drive-by shooting on 75th and Seward, these kinds of things happen everywhere. We shouldn't allow a single incident or even a series of what we say are incidents without full documentation on everything that's happened in our community to justify this kind of an administrative change and the rights of law enforcement officers to negotiate in their own behalf. I heard earlier and I supported an amendment that would provide opportunities for young people and children who work, for example, to be covered by workers' comp. I supported that. I think Senator Chambers did and so did Senator Hall, the same kind of a thing. It was an amendment that would provide for a class of people an opportunity to be served, an opportunity for