

people to be given rightfully so health care as it applies to their health and working conditions. When you think about it, it's really not much difference between that and what we're talking about now with the contract between the city police and the Omaha police chief and mayor. This is in fact a local issue. I said before and I'll say again I think you're all smart enough to know that when to get support for this kind of an effort you crank in as many people as you can. That's exactly what happened in this case with the league of cities and police chiefs and others. Certainly police chiefs who are administrators probably would like an opportunity to enhance their authority. It doesn't make it right. It might get votes, I hope not. But what we're doing here is in fact, and I don't think I've ever said this before, simply bad public policy. We can be bullies in a way. We can force our will and have in the past where it was justified and rightfully so. But in this case I don't think we have the right to force our opinions and the will of this legislative body on a collective bargaining group that for years I think has worked hard as we talked about the State Patrol as it applies to the safety and the welfare of our community. I don't think we should allow that to happen. I don't know how to read the vote that moved it from General to Select, but I might as well say it now and I think you all know it, I get the impression a lot of those votes were because people wanted to get to the bill we just listened to, 757. Now that's moved, I'm not sure what kind of arrangements were struck on that bill but I don't think any were really. But as far as I'm concerned, this is not the kind of a thing that we should be involved with. I hope those that...some of those at least that supported...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...it from General File to Select will not continue to vote that way. And I appreciate very much Senator Hall pulling his amendments. To be completely frank, in my opinion at least, you don't really have to be too smart to offer 500 amendments on something. We can go through that tablet offering amendment after amendment, but it only violates the time of everybody else in here. Either the issue deserves to be supported or not. In this case, I'm glad that Tim pulled those amendments so we can get on with the vote on this issue. And unless something happens I don't know anything about, this is the last time I intend to speak on it and I hope you will not support its advancement.