

amend the specific statutes relating to cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class in order to implement the authority and to coordinate the authority given to DEQ to delegate to them in the Clean Air Act. So we passed out of the committee a bill that did that and, subsequent to that, some industrial interests in Omaha wanted to refine the language and clarify it to be careful that expansive authorities were not given to the Cities of Lincoln and Omaha and then we got into a more full-scale discussion that involved the City of Lincoln and the County of Lancaster and the City of Omaha and these industrial interests and also DEQ. And, finally, we worked out language that suits everybody's view of how the delegation should go and what makes sense. And the language that they came up with, which seems sensible to me, is this language that is before you, that basically makes clear that those enforcement powers can go to Lincoln and Omaha. However, it says that the power shall be no more stringent than the state air pollution control regulations so that we don't get two separate standards, but it does indicate that in any area where no regulation has been done the cities could have their own regulations. So I think it's a fair compromise. I would also like to thank Senator Preister and his office for spending considerable time on this, working it out. So I would ask the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Does anyone wish to address this amendment? Seeing none, we will now vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 623. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Beutler amendment? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: I'd move the advancement of LB 623 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to advance LB 623. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. LB 623 is advanced. LB 789.