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CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Coordsen amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further?

CLERK: Senator Kristensen would move to amend. (See FA379 on page 2300 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Cudaback had an amendment this morning that dealt with the city manager form of government. The Revenue Committee was off doing some other things and came back and had a fairly philosophic discussion about what should happen and what we would do in these situations. In the city manager form of government, initially, the city manager does appoint the members of the board. Then later on, with Senator Cudaback, and I'm going to look at Senator Cudaback, I see him shake his head, what his amendment does is say when they reappoint that the city manager will do that as well. What we talked about in committee so often was the accountability of these authorities and the people on there, and that one of the problems was that there was no direct accountability to the electorate of the people who made the appointments, or the people necessarily who served on the boards. So what we proposed to do with Senator Cudaback's amendment, we never liked the idea of just having the city manager, because they aren't elected, and there's just not that accountability there. And in an effort to try to reform what Senator Cudaback did, we didn't think we could probably strike all that language out. So what we've added here, and I think four or five members of the Revenue Committee have got an amendment on that would say with the consent or the confirmation of the governing board, so if it's a city council, or village board, or whatever, and that that would be sort of the back end or the compromise that at least you had some direct responsibility to do that. Now, Senator Cudaback, since we filed that, we've had some discussions with you. And the statute is a little confusing because it talks about the city