

performance. And so these two amendments by the committee will clarify those sections of the bill we felt were somewhat unclear. And that's the explanation of the committee amendments and I would move the committee amendments if there be no further discussion.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the committee amendments? If not, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Chambers, did you wish to talk about this bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like to speak briefly on the bill, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. This is a bill that was requested by the Omaha City Council to eliminate the stagger. What happens with a seven-member council is that four are elected at one election, then two years later three. What this bill would do, because electing simply three city council members at an off-year election does not really apprise the public of what is going on and sometimes the election itself gets lost in the shuffle, in 1991, those council members who will be elected will be elected for only two years. Their term will then end after two years in 1993, along with the term of the others who are currently serving for four years and their term will end in 1993. By having a two-year period for those who are next elected, it will allow, at the following election, all seven members to be elected at the same time for four years ever after or as long as the City of Omaha shall stand. And I'm asking that you advance this bill. If you have any questions, I may answer them, Senator Hannibal, I may not.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I would ask Senator Chambers to respond to some questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WESELY: I appreciate what he is trying to do. I was involved very much in the district election proposals for our