

examples of what they could be and it's not necessary because we already have alluded to that prior to this. So that's...that becomes the...the committee amendment is the bill once you have adopted the amendment and I want you to know that I'm very pleased with the way this has come out because this is exactly what I would like to have seen it become. I would ask for your support of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, I think that Senator Smith has done a good job of explaining the bill. The committee amendments are the bill right now because I think one of the concerns, I think, of some of the people that are being annexed by cities is the right of due process, the right of a hearing, and I think that's what we have come up in the Urban Affairs Committee with a bill that does that. It allows for...it doesn't limit the powers of a city to annex. It simply says that there has to be a due process. There is the 60-day. After they pass the resolution, there is a hearing so everybody can get their input in whether it's good or bad. And so I think it's a good measure that we put into the state statutes. So, with that, I would like you to approve LB 421. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Now back on the advancement of the bill, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I would just tell the members of the body one more time that the amendment that they just adopted now replaces the original bill which was in some ways controversial. It is no longer controversial. It is, as amended, the bill. The amendment which is now the bill provides for due process for people. It requires a city to issue a resolution proclaiming their intent as far as annexation is concerned. It requires them to have a plan. It outlines what the plan will include, including some data, which will talk