

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend the bill. Senator, I have AM650.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I have an amendment which, I'm sorry that the members of the body don't have a copy of the amendment. I didn't think the bill would come up today and we did ask for it to be entered in the record and so it would have been printed, but basically although it is kind of a...it looks like a big amendment, it really is not. All it does is change the language throughout LB 421...now wait a minute, to include not only cities of the first class regarding annexation procedures, but also all other classes of cities. That would include then our metropolitan area, our primary class city, all first classes I've already said, second class and villages would be lumped in there also. Remember that the bill itself just is a due process bill. It requires public hearings to be held regarding proposed annexation by the city. It requires a notice would be provided to all the landowners and it requires a notice to have a plan regarding the cities' intentions for development of the area that is being proposed for annexation would be provided. And from the testimony that we heard and in visiting with...I've run this by the League of Municipalities, haven't had time to talk to anyone else on it, but I just feel that this is a fair measure. According to someone who talked to me, if it's good for first class cities, it should be good for everyone else and if I'm concerned about due process, it should be provided to people of all communities in the process of annexation. I just believe that, as a policy, it should apply to all cities. If there are questions, I'd be glad to try to answer them. Are there any lights on?

PRESIDENT: Yes, one.

SENATOR SMITH: All right. I would just listen to what that person has to say then, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, Senator Smith, would