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protections that the citizens of Omaha and Lincoln already have. I support the amendment...the return and will support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I also rise to support Senator Smith's amendment. I know she spent a great deal of time over this issue and I think there was some concern that this new system...I should say a fairer system that Senator Smith put together dealing with Class I's should be expanded to include other cities in the state. I think that the City of Omaha and Lincoln have made a pretty good case that there is a great deal of protection offered to subdivisions in the annexation procedure and if there would be any changes, I think that this would not be the vehicle to be using. I think that Senator Smith had a very real and serious problem in her particular district and I think that this helps to solve that particular problem as well as any future problems that Class I cities may have. So I will be supporting Senator Smith's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no other lights on, Senator Smith. Anything further on the motion to return?

SENATOR SMITH: I would just ask the body to support the motion to return.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Shall the bill be returned to Select File for the purpose of an amendment? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion carries. Senator Smith, on the amendment itself.

SENATOR SMITH: I have explained the amendment in my motion to return and so unless someone has questions, I would just ask that the body would support me in this amendment to the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Senator Chambers.