

they have expressed and, hopefully, be able to dissolve, to your satisfaction, their concerns, and let's get down then to the fact that what we're looking at here is simply a matter of do you support what we passed in here a couple of years back, allowing local control. I can tell you that 90 percent of our population, two-thirds, in other words, of the communities and counties...not the counties, but two-thirds of the communities in the state have opted for local control. And what this will simply do, because we have no other option, if we want to allow this, is give all the communities local control of licensing of liquor licenses.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Hartnett and Senator Goodrich. I don't see Senator Wesely. Senator Hartnett, would you like to continue on?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I want to get, I think...I serve as Vice-Chairman of the General Affairs Committee. I wanted to ask Senator Smith to get something on the record, some questions that I see or my staff looked through the bill and so forth. First question, number one, on page 2, line 15, 18, there's language granting policy power authority to local governing bodies to enact by ordinance, regulation governing licensing of premises. Are counties, because we do have...in my county we have some outside the city. Does this include, you know, it's for local control that is both city and county. Is that right, Senator Smith? Okay. Since this is done by ordinance, and counties do not enact ordinance, they enact resolution, should that be amended or do you intend that even though it doesn't say resolution, they do everything by resolution, or cities do everything by ordinance. Is that...

SENATOR SMITH: My intent is, Senator Hartnett, that a city could not exceed its authority past its boundaries, for instance.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Well, that's in conflict...that's my other question. But can counties...how do counties handle, if they can't...they don't issue ordinance, they issue resolutions, is my question to you.

SENATOR SMITH: So, how would they handle it? They would...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, because there are some counties that have...