

ask you a question. I...believe me, I'll be gentle.

SENATOR SMITH: What?

SENATOR LYNCH: You're tough, so it won't make any difference anyway. (Laughter.) I know you're Chairman of the committee, and this is your job. And I know you never were involved maybe personally with all of the language.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, I want to interrupt you a moment. (Gavel.) Please, let's hold the conversation down, we're having a problem hearing the speakers. Thank you. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: But, you know it is kind of tough to understand Senator Goodrich makes a point with a 55-page amendment on Final Reading. However, that notwithstanding, as I read through some of the sections like, for example, with some of the local control that would be established in this bill, if we're going to have local control I would agree that we should, some how, define that. For example, counties are creatures of the Legislature. Generally, they can do no more or no less than what the law allows them to do. Does this bill provide authority then for the counties to not only approve issue?

SENATOR SMITH: Sure.

SENATOR LYNCH: That's for counties outside the jurisdictions of the cities. And let me further qualify that, if I can, quickly.

SENATOR SMITH: Sure.

SENATOR LYNCH: For example, the City of Omaha has a three-mile limit. In Douglas County, while I was there, even though their planning and zoning jurisdictions extended beyond the city limits into the three-mile limit, their jurisdiction over licenses, to recommend the licenses to the state, like in the old days, like the county used to recommend to the state, like in the old days, generally ended at the city limits. So that hasn't changed.

SENATOR SMITH: That's right.

SENATOR LYNCH: The limits exist.

SENATOR SMITH: No.