

reference to the specific amendment, 1221, that Senator Hannibal...to 1221 that Senator Hannibal is offering, I have no problems with it. I do have, and I am not going to get into the specifics, it is too late here today, I think, we just maybe set the stage for when we do have time to deal with the bill in its totality. I do have a number of problems with the bill, the rationale for introduction of the bill, and I think Senator Hannibal and I differ a great deal on the need of any sort of legislation. I think he also is correct in stating that we have had discussions and there are some things that maybe can be done that will improve the situation for the homebuilders in the City of Omaha, at least deal with what the problems are that they perceive with the status quo. Part of my problems are I have not been convinced that there are measurable problems with the status quo and that's one of the reasons I am not that excited about the bill. But we will be talking further, it is my hope that we can arrive at some sort of consensus so that we won't have to take the body's time to work our way through each and every one of the amendments. But I think I should also indicate that there are a lot of people up in Omaha who consider this bill to be a...not a particularly good piece of legislation and would like to see any and everything done to keep it from passing, at least in its current form. So we will be visiting further. I do have a question of Senator Hannibal, though, that because he characterized the bill in a fashion in his introduction that I don't quite understand. I know in the discussions we have had he has said what his intent of the bill is, but, Senator Hannibal, could you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Sure.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR WITHEM: Could you tell me...you made the reference to the bill allows the City of Omaha through the mayor and city council to make a determination as to whether it is the plumbing board or the Building Board of Review that hears these code related matters. When I read the bill, I see that in page 6, Section 2, that the mayor shall select the board to administer and review building codes and inspections, and we are repealing the portion where the plumbing board has that option. Where in the bill do you see, and I may just have missed it, that it is an option of the City of Omaha to determine which of these two boards hears these decisions, makes these decisions.