

CLERK: Mr. President, 1221 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Hannibal. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of this year, referred to Urban Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. It was discussed yesterday, Mr. President. At that time Senator Hannibal had an amendment to the bill that was adopted. I now have pending, Mr. President, an amendment from Senator Withem. Senator, it's my understanding that you wish to withdraw and substitute AM3200. Is that...?

SENATOR WITHEM: That is, in fact, correct, yes.

PRESIDENT: A request has been asked to substitute. Any objection? If not, it is granted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend, I have AM3200 in front of me, Senator. (Withem amendment appears on pages 1659-60 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, we started talking about LB 1221 yesterday. met this morning with Senator Hannibal, some representatives of Plumbers Local 16 up in Omaha and some representatives from the Home Builders Association, Metropolitan Omaha Builders Association. Talked about some things we could do to maybe resolve this issue. In many ways this is a parochial concern but it is one where both sides feel very strongly that their position is correct. The plumbing industry up in Omaha feels very strongly there does need to be strong regulation of the plumbing industry because of the fact that the fresh water system and the waste disposal system of a city particularly the size of Omaha, it is very important that that be, the health of that system be maintained. The folks on the other side all feel very strongly on the other side that the regulations of the plumbing industry up in the Omaha area have stifled the use of some newer types of materials, that they feel would cut the cost of building construction up in the Omaha area and they feel strongly that there need to be some changes. We, as a Legislature, have this problem brought to us. It would be my preference that it not be brought to the Legislature, but Senator Hannibal has done so, so we have to deal with it. What we have done I think is arrived at a compromise approach here that will give the...will open up the system somewhat to consider some changes, but will not be the wholesale sort of opening of the system that was proposed