

with 1221 in its original form. What we have here is a narrative that we passed out of the amendments along with a copy of AM3200. It's very similar to an amendment that was passed out yesterday that was on your desk for consideration. Let me go through here what this amendment does and then allow you to ask any questions or allow Senator Hannibal to make any reactions he may choose to. The original bill called for changing the membership of the Omaha Plumbing Board from a four-member, a five-member board to a seven-member board. The current board consist of two journeymen plumbers, those are the people that actually work with the tools and do the actual plumbing installation, two master plumbers, those are basically people that are involved in plumbing business that own plumbing businesses, and a representative of the Health Department. That is the current plumbing board. The current bill called for adding to that board a mechanical engineer and an architect and replacing the health inspector with a member of the public at large. What this amendment does is it basically leaves the bill very close to the way 1221 proposed except it readds the chief health officer as a nonvoting member of the plumbing board. It also clarifies a number of things. It says that the members shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed. That is usually understood but it doesn't give that provision in statute. Today we're adding that. Indicates that the city will need to provide a location for the board to meet, that the plumbing board shall maintain a record of all complaints and a disposition of each complaint. The plumbing board...the other major change, I guess, in the bill was that the bill as drafted would say that the plumbing board would not necessarily continue to be the board that would hear initial requests for variances, code changes, material acceptance, those types of things, that there would be a choice as to whether it would be the plumbing board or the Building Board of Review up in Omaha. What this amendment does is it clarifies that the plumbing board is the board that has initial authority to hear all of those concerns but that it is the Building Board of Review that will be given appeal rights to hear those. In other words, if you want to adopt a new plumbing material, a new type of drain material, that the plumbing board will hear that request initially, but then if the people that brought that request don't like it, they can make an appeal to this Building Board of Review again. Current practice is the plumbing board hears all of those, Building Board of Review is not involved at all. The original bill would have given the city the authority to take all of that away from the plumbing board and let the Building Board of