

then apply it to the cities and the smallest towns of the state. But I think you're running the danger here of going too far and too fast. And, if you agree, this is an opportunity to, by this amendment, to limit it to application to state statutes, if you want to do that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Before we proceed with discussion, I'd like to introduce two guests of Senator Wickersham. Under the south balcony, we have Ted Hoffman, from Chadron, and Jackie Herren, from Harrison, Nebraska. Would you folks please rise and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Now, we'll proceed to discussion on the Beutler amendment. The speakers that I have, Senator Wickersham, do you wish to speak to this amendment? He waives off. Senator Elmer, do you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR ELMER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you. And, members of the body, this particular bill is asking us, as the State Legislature, to be accountable and to act with prudence. The cities and villages of our state all employ city and village attorneys who are responsible for and would be aware of this particular rule, or this particular statute. I feel, if we want our governments to be accountable, our cities should also be accountable. How do we best approach this? I would doubt that very many cities or villages across our state would enact ordinances that are completely independent of state statute, and that very few would be outside of what we have given them power to do through our own statutes. And that if an ordinance were unconstitutional, under a statute, so would that statute, itself, be. And, I would suggest to keep the good prudence in enacting ordinances and good prudence in legislation that we would leave "ordinances" as part of the bill. And, I would ask you to reject the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Further discussion on the Beutler amendment. Senator Landis, do you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, for those of you who feel that small towns might be overwhelmed by the obligation of reviewing their laws, let me tell you that there is a service that the League of Municipalities and spin-offs of the League of Municipalities have done in the past and that is to provide local municipalities with model ordinances. And, they've sold it as a service that I know of a number of communities having purchased, having their ordinance