

never tax them, can never annex them and can never tax them. Well, it's a nice agreement. The county doesn't lose anything. The developer doesn't lose anything but the city that is going to be responsible for providing services is in a position where it can never annex them. What this statute...what this change says is if the city or village was not one of the original approving authorities, in other words, it wasn't in the zoning jurisdiction of the city at the time that the industrial tract was established, that they will...the city can, in fact, annex that area. The way it now applies at this...it is applicable to Sarpy, Lancaster and Douglas Counties, counties where the school problem that we talked about in Columbus and Hastings and Grand Island and probably Norfolk and some other places will not be applying. That's all the bill does, really, is it will allow a city to annex an industrial tract area if it is...was not a party to the original agreement to establish that area.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. I will now recognize Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair, and members, Senator Withem, I note in the...would you respond to a question, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I will.

SENATOR LAMB: I note in the committee statement that Dwayne Smith of Columbus Industrial Development Board opposed the bill. Could you recall what his arguments were?

SENATOR WITHEM: Not specifically Mr. Smith's. There were a number of people from the Columbus area that were concerned about the impact on the neighboring Class I and Class VI schools. I think Mr. Smith might have gone beyond that a little bit. There might have been some impact by the rural electrification association's abilities to provide electrical service in that area. What the committee amendment...I made reference to taking out any problems that school districts have. I believe that committee amendment also would take care of any specific concerns regarding Mr. Smith and rural electricians in that area.

SENATOR LAMB: As I understand it, the committee amendment, which has been adopted, would also make the bill not applicable to the other people who supported the bill, such as Grand Island, Norfolk. Is that correct?