

Senator Beutler because I think we are simply...this is done, I think we've...you know, they are elected officials at cities, at villages, and that, hopefully, they can make that judgment. If they lose an election for economic development, then I think they will make the decision, and maybe they will not do it before three years. But I think we are simply tying their hands too much by simply saying that, because conditions can change in different cities. Senator Hillman is looking at me and things can change. Things could change in the Gering-Scottsbluff election where an election may be turned down in one year, something may happen in the next year where people feel completely different about it. So I think that by this amendment we are restricting the elected officials of the communities across this state too much, and I think leave it up to them without that. I think that maybe if its, depending on what the vote is, I think if the vote is overwhelmingly defeated, I think if I was a member of a city council or a board, I would not bring it up for three years. But I think the conditions can change over a three-year period, and so for that reason, I simply rise to oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I also would oppose the Beutler amendment. I think small communities better know their situation and most of them I don't think will come in more than every three years, but there is an election every two that I think they should be able to put something up if they choose to. I don't look for special elections to happen very often, and I don't think we need to tie their hands with this particular type of restriction.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Is there anyone else who wishes to debate this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this is no big item. A quick up or down vote is fine. I am just putting into the provision a safeguard that appears in many other sections of our statutes with regard to repetitive elections, and if you don't want that safeguard for the public and think the public officials are safeguard enough, then that is fine. It is a matter of philosophy.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now vote on the Beutler amendment. All those in favor please vote aye,