

amendment, for the body's benefit should understand these particular concepts had been discussed since the beginning of the session and they involve a number of different issues that have come up before the Legislature over the course of the years. The inspection section has been an area that has bothered cities, that has bothered other political subdivisions of state as well, and it deals with the issue of whether, let's say a city inspector goes out and makes an inspection on a parcel of property, and that elevator that that inspector is looking at involves a great deal of time. They have a separate department that deals with plumbing, with elevators, electrical, all different areas that the city, that the taxpayers believe that the city is properly inspecting. And, so the city for years has been concerned. They are saying that we are concerned because they don't want to be liable if there is an inadequate inspection. But yet, the citizens of the state rely upon those inspections. You have a house that is being inspected by the City of Omaha, that is being constructed or repaired, and the city comes out and they look at it and they say, yeah, you know, the electrical work that has been done on this is proper, or the plumbing goes down the right way, or the elevator that you take to ride up on a commercial structure is done properly. Now, I guess the past that...in the past we have chosen the approach that political subdivisions, in order to ensure that political subdivisions would do an adequate job, we said that if the person does an improper job of inspecting that there might be some liability there. I guess you think about situations where an inspector would show up at the job drunk or totally disregarded a particular project that was being constructed and people's lives are in danger and I guess that is what concerns me is that we are not talking about maybe some plumbing where you are going to have some sewage flushed up into someone's bathroom. You are talking about lives that could be lost as a result of inadequate inspection done by a city inspector. Now if the city wants to relinquish all responsibility, you know, maybe that is what we should do. But they want to be able to have the authority to make sure that the electrical work is done properly, that if there is a fire in a home that that particular fire...that it would not take place because they are obviously in charge of fire protection. So they want to be able to shut down buildings or shut down projects but yet they don't want any of the responsibility that goes with it. Now, to me, when we passed LB 88 earlier in the year it really wasn't dealing too much with that issue and it really...it dealt with really individuals that are involved in accidents. Now the cities have