

least that would be preserved whether we do this or not. I guess there's one thing that makes me consider strongly supporting Senator Crosby's amendment and that is by listing the name you have some idea of whether you are meeting equal opportunity guidelines or not. You have some idea about perhaps the hiring by gender or by minority group, maybe, not always, you can't tell by name but it gives you at least an indicator. So, for that reason alone, I think that we should consider the continuing publication of names. Senator Peterson makes a point about Omaha and Lincoln and you don't like to prescribe for others what you don't do yourself. So I'm still up in the air but I do think that for purposes of watching the equal opportunity hiring practices of your local subdivision might be reason enough to leave this in the bill. Thank you.

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

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body, this bill was heard by...both of these bills were heard by the Urban Affairs Committee. They did...they were voted out of committee with no dissenting votes. There was also no one testified against the bill and I think the thing is that we have to...you know, one of the things when I first came to the Legislature, we talked about the level playing field and what we're really talking about is the small communities in the state that still do this. We're not talking about Douglas County. We're not talking about Lancaster County. We're not talking about Lincoln and Omaha. We're simply talking about the small communities. Yes, Hastings still publishes but that's not required. It's the editors simply go and...it's required by law in Hastings? Oh. I was wrong...I was give the wrong information. Strike that. But simply...and what the argument, I think, by the cities and municipalities were given to us was that...that it's simply easier for jobs to simply look at what they're paying at nursing homes, hospitals and so forth that are controlled by the cities and simply other private ones, simply cherry pick the people off. And so, for this reason, I simply oppose the returning of this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Beutler. Are there sufficient seconds? There are. We will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam