

whatever time he doesn't need to Senator Beutler for explanation of the amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Hartnett. Try again, Senator.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, members of the body, what we've talked about notices to different bodies and what this does is to simply clarify if there are two cities within the jurisdiction where this process will be set up, it simply gives both cities a kind of a veto on the other city and that's, basically, what the first part does and so it simply asks for that part of it and if there is any questions... simply deals with... allows the cities to have some say in the process, if there's two cities within three miles.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the portions of the amendment which were of most concern to me were numbers two and three which go together and then number four. Numbers two and three fit into the eminent domain argument. I voted to exclude eminent domain from the bill. This particular provision says that no public body under this act shall exercise eminent domain against another public body. I didn't have an opportunity to research all the law in this area. Eminent domain I think as a matter of practice is seldom, if ever, may not be exercised against other public bodies, one public body against another and this simply makes clear that that's not going to happen in this particular instance so that they won't be taking parks, they won't be taking parts of school grounds, that sort of thing. The fourth amendment is a little more complicated but essentially results only in the restoration of current law as that law is applicable as between a municipal power supplier and a rural power supplier. Under the current law in those situations, as a city, as a municipality annexes territory, the municipality informs the rurals that it wishes to supply electrical power to the area being annexed. There are certain rules that apply to that whole process and the municipality ends up paying a very good price for the right to supply power within the annexed area, but the bottom line is that the integrity of a municipality, such as the City of Lincoln, can be maintained through this process that is currently the law. Well, LB 830 changed that because suddenly we had noncontiguous areas that were able to be annexed. So we went back to current law as closely as can be in that particular