

this up to the very broadest of definitions, and that's important in this bill because this definition goes throughout in defining the powers of the Governor and, perhaps more importantly in light of some changes that are made here, the powers of the local governing official. So I really think that needs to be looked at seriously in this bill. The second thing I would throw out is on page 59 where it requires either a full-time director or a part-time and a full-time deputy director. It seems to me that what we're requiring here is a full-time person operating over whatever organizational unit is derived upon under this bill, or if the unit is too small to appropriately employ a full-time person, it's going to have a full-time person anyway, which seems to me, and this may not be altogether bad, pushes towards the consolidation of jurisdictions on this particular issue. But I'm not sure it's wise to require any full-time person. The third thing I would ask Senator Wickersham to look at is the removal of the seven-day limitation on local government emergencies, especially in light of the broadening of the definition of emergency, especially since that, and this whole act for that matter, involves some extraordinary powers, once it comes into play and including the power to spend additional money and, essentially, do contrary to what the city's budget may be. Next, on page 74, it authorizes the Governor to enter into compacts with other states. I'm always reluctant to give the Governor the power to do that, at least without the approval of the Legislature. I don't think these... I don't know if these are emergency kinds of agreements, I assume not. They seem to be agreements that anticipate the need for cooperative action, in which case it seems to me that maybe the Legislature ought to be involved in that particular section. Finally, the penalty provision on 83 is the old fashioned way. I'd like to change that to modern judicial code, by changing it to a Class something misdemeanor, or a felony, whatever, and then there are some minor things. But I'd just like to draw attention to those items and ask that they be considered before Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Seeing no further lights, Senator Robinson, to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 43. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee