

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. We're now then...is there anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: We have lights on to discuss the motion to advance. Senators Witek, Wesely, and Bromm. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask Senator Lynch a few questions, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Lynch, is it possible at this time to have the legislative bodies of the cities and counties in these areas that do not have a code to go ahead and decide to adopt one?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, they can adopt within their jurisdiction any code they want to, including this one. In most cases the codes are more restrictive and stringent than this proposed universal code. But they can, they have that option. They can continue to have that option. And they may or may not adopt the code if they wish.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, the may or may not I do see in the city due to the amendment, but I don't see the may or may not on the county. Are we still a must on the county?

SENATOR LYNCH: No, it's a may in the county as well.

SENATOR WITEK: It's also permissive at the county. Why if they are able to do that at this time do you think they haven't done so?

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, I can't really speak for a county commissioner out in Furnas County, ...in some cases and in some counties, I think, Senator Witek, there is no land use planning and there is no planning and zoning in some cases. In Douglas County's case, Douglas County adopted the city of Omaha ordinances and codes so that as annexation took place there'd be