

option. Senator Hartnett, to address the Hillman amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I passed out a memo dealing with the duties and responsibilities of a city or county administrator in Sarpy County. And I think the duties are fairly broad that the county...and I guess, Senator Hillman, what do you see...you see still electing a county board? And the county board would appoint an administrator, and then you would do away with all the other elected officials, like the county treasurer, assessor and so forth? Is that what you see happening with this? You still elect the county board, county board would appoint an administrator, and then you would do away with all the other offices...

SENATOR WILL: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...elected offices? They would not be elected?

SENATOR HILLMAN: You're correct in saying that it would...that you would go on electing your government board which sets policy and so forth. The governing board could then appoint a county administrator. But the officials that you have could be either elected or appointed, it would be whatever plan or choice that would be put out in front of the voters, either through an initiative, in my estimation, which would be in legislation through the county board, or through referendum.

SENATOR HARTNETT: You would still elect a treasurer and they would answer, then the veto power would be...this county administrator would have a veto power over this...the county treasurer...

SENATOR HILLMAN: (inaudible).

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...as you see it working in the...

SENATOR HILLMAN: If a county treasurer were elected, no, the county administrator would not have any real power, just like they do now, they do not now, nor does the county governing board. If they were appointed then the county board would have much more authority over that position, and the county administrator is just that, he does the day-to-day operations, but also would have the duties in employment and budgeting and