

background, and I didn't serve on a city council, but I did serve with a... I did serve as a school board member for a period of years. And I think what happens in that particular position, as a school board member the information that was provided for us was, you know, what the administrator wanted us to hear, you know, and we had to make the decision as the board member... but the decision.... And that's what I think would happen, I guess, in... in this particular amendment because you're doing away with the... with the election of a body of people...

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. Then, Mr. Hartnett or Senator Hartnett, let me ask you, would you also then like to see a system whereby the principals of the schools and the superintendent was elected, and that your chiefs, that the fire chief, and your chief of police of the city, and the head of parks were all elected? Do you think you would have better representation in schools and in cities if you went back and elected all of those rather than appointed them or hired them as professionals?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think we're dealing with a different issue, we're dealing with counties versus cities, Senator Hillman. And I see that completely different, the functions and the responsibility, because if you have a city administrator and... So... but I think that's the problem I have is that I see that with doing away with it... 'cause that's what would happen. And as Senator Kristensen said, it makes the decision easier for the, you know, the county administrator to do it. And that's the problem I have with it, doing away with election, because that's the first thing that would happen, we would do away with the county treasurer, the county assessor and so forth, their election who are answerable to the people. I think it's good for us to vote.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, thank you, Senator Hartnett. And I'm going to say that you would hold... you would not have to hold umpteen different people responsible, you would hold a governing body responsible. They are elected, they are the policy-making board. The elected officials are administrative in their nature only, they are not to create policy. If you want to change a policy or you have a problem with something that's going on in county government, you should be going to the governing board, they're the only ones that can create policy, the rest of them are not supposed to create policy. Some of them I don't think totally understand that, but they do not, they don't have the