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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Further discussion? Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, when we've had this...I think we've had a good discussion on this bill. (Laugh) In the meantime, I've had a chance to check with the League of Municipalities, and they...the seven is a good number, in their minds. And I think if...I think they're...like I say, I'm not...don't represent a small city, as Senator...Senator Mines probably has more experience in the smaller cities than I have. But I think, after listening to discussion, that the number seven is probably a good number. And, you know, if it doesn't, they can come back to us again and we can have this debate again next year, and so forth. So my idea would be that if we would advance the bill as it is right now, I would offer amendment on Select File to limit to seven, and we'll go from there. And I'd like to give...Senator Chambers would like to talk a little bit more, rather than put an amendment up there. So, Senator Chambers, you may have the rest of my closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hartnett.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Mines, I don't want you to think that because you're the new man here that I would just go after you. Senator Redfield has been here almost as long as I have, (laughter) but she offered a position that is flawed from top to bottom, stem to stern, port to starboard. She is bringing in the notion of proportional representation where it has no application whatsoever. This board does not govern the city or the populace, where you want to see how many people in that city are represented by each number...each person. This is a board that deals with a facility that has certain duties and responsibilities, and the number of people in the municipality or the village has nothing to do with the number of people on that board. So proportional representation does not apply when we're dealing with a board such as this. If Senator Redfield were talking about a commission that is going to make rules and