

SENATOR HALL: LB 53 is advanced. Next item on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 36, introduced by Senator Crosby. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. There are Urban Affairs Committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hartnett, on the Urban Affairs Committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Hall and members of the body, LB 36 was heard by the Urban Affairs Committee. And what it does, it only deals with primary cities and...with the Board of Examiners of Plumbers. Currently, Section 18-1901 specifies that there are to be five members of the board in such cities consisting of the chief health officer of the city, the city's plumbing inspector, two journeymen plumbers, and one master plumber. The journeymen and master plumbers are to be chosen by the mayor with the consent of the city council. As the bill was introduced the bill deleted all reference to the membership of the committee and the manner of appointment of the plumber members, specifying only that the board should consist of members as provided by city ordinance. Intent was to conform Lincoln's current city ordinance with the state statute. The balance of the change were to be made from the purpose of harmonizing other reference with the change indicated. And I guess the committee had trouble with just giving it up to the...as members provided by city ordinance, and so what the amendment does is change the existing membership of the Board of Examiners of Plumbers in the primary class cities but retains requirements of five members. While the new membership requirements proposed by the bill are similar to those currently in the Lincoln city ordinance, they are not identical. The amendment proposes the membership by one journeyman, plumber and one master plumber rather than the current Lincoln requirement of two master plumbers. Under the committee amendments Board of Examiners of the Plumbers in the primary class cities would consist of the director of building and safety of the primary class cities, a registered professional mechanical engineer licensed to practice in the State of Nebraska, and doing primary...in a primary class city, the chief plumbing inspector of a primary class city, one journeyman and one master plumber. Mechanical engineer and the two plumber members would be chosen