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the city of Omaha, and then the bill can proceed to passage.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, members of the body, I simply oppose the amendment. Got a call yesterday from Mayor Daub's office raising what he called serious legal issues dealing with the enterprise zone, and he said he's going to...and my question is, where has the legal department been since the hearing on January the 27th? A hearing was held Febru...bill was scheduled...hearing was scheduled for January 27, hearing was held on February the 10th, no one there, and waited for the last 24 hours. All the city...assistant city attorney came up with is that it recommend that the language be clarified. This is kind of backwards, saying that the validity of LB 1259 and the ability of the city to work under this strictures, I have no doubt that would be uninformed of any fatal flaws if one exists. And simply by offering an amendment at this particular time would simply only kill the bill. What it does, what the bill does, I think the part, because it was in the green section, it was there since the start of the bill, simply gives the local board more authority in accepting of...accepting of grants. And in his memo, his letter, he says that it would...would prohibit the council from accepting \$2 million grant to build public facility in the zone. He is correct, but he forgot, in his memo, forgot to mention the next sentence we have in the memorandum, could be...they could build it with city funds but not...would simply give the local people the authority. The authority of the associated board ends with the boundary of the assoc...of the enterprise zone. Only grants alone which are expressly for the enterprise zones are subject to the association board review. The only expenditure of the city which are subject to the board review are those made exclusively for the purpose of the enterprise zone. The mayor contends the board will now have supergovernmental authority overthrow the decision of elected officials and so forth. He is completely (inaudible) wrong. The board has only one new power under this bill and one new authority. It can stop the city council and the mayor from spending fund...public funds that relate to the enterprise zone. Board has no authority to spend as much as a single penny. Has no independent budget, no tax