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morning I did receive a letter, and some of you probably did as well, from the League of Municipalities who do oppose that part of the amendment, LB 1310. I haven't studied their letter, frankly, since I only got it about an hour ago. They did say that they were planning on sending the letter at the hearing but of course...but that did not happen, nor did anyone show up opposing the bill. So these are three bills that I am putting together into one amendment to amend into LB 953. If anyone has any questions about more specifics about LB 1257 or LB 311 (sic--LB 1311) there are numerous state employees in the lobby willing to ask...or answer questions regarding those. Thank you very much.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Discussion on the amendment? Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. The...I have the...the letter from the people representing the Nebraska Municipalities and I cannot say that I'm really prepared to speak in depth on this because, as Senator Hilgert correctly said, all of this came down very, very rapidly. I assume that all of you have the letter from a law firm, Harding, Shultz and Downs, but I would point out to you that according to this letter, and I'm rising primarily for the purpose of giving information, LB 1310, that portion that Senator Hilgert alluded to, would expand the jurisdiction of the CIR, become involved in individual grievances between employees and public employers. Now, I would mention that it is, I believe, currently the right of any employee with a grievance against any employer, public employer, to go to the CIR with his complaint. And I would ask if Senator Hilgert would yield on that point for a question.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Can you...Senator Tyson, I just received the letter so I'm really not going to debate it that much, but what...could you repeat the question? I'll attempt to answer it.

SENATOR TYSON: The...my question is, it was my...it's been my information over the past several years that any employee, does not have to be a union, does not have to be a public employees association, has the right to individually petition the CIR for