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kind of manipulation cannot go on. Now, whether that's important to you or not I don't know. But when you change it to allow wide-open appointment of members, more or less, and then allow the city to increase those members by any number at any time, or decrease them by any number at any time, you're setting in motion possibilities that the law previously sought, through stricter statutory language, to avoid, that is, to avoid controversy at the local level that might develop from this kind of flexibility. And I throw that out to you for your consideration.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Hartnett a question.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hartnett, under this bill, the number of board members could be 99, couldn't it?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Could be, yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Ninety-seven? Could it be 97?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, it has to be an odd number. Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could it be 31?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes

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SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

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SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, Senator Chambers. Yeah.