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SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's correct. Let me say again that I'm simply handling this bill, this amendment as vice-chairman of the committee, at the request of the League and as the request of Senator Johnson. This is something that the League felt that they needed to correct, something they had before and they simply want to amend it in that way.

SENATOR SYAS: In...well, I'll ask you a question, in the case where the Senate here approves a person, endorses him in the vote and then the Governor appointee later removes him, does he have to come to the Senate and get authority to remove an appointee?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Absolutely not, George.

SENATOR SYAS: Then why do we want the Council, the mayor to have to come and get the Council's endorsement to remove he, the mayor's appointee?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, let me explain this again. My prevailing interest in this was to comply with the request that obviously a number of cities had in getting the job done. My soul's not going to bleed over it one way or the other and I was trying to comply and Senator Snyder would be doing this if he were here. So I think this is something the city councils, the cities obviously want, there's some concerns over it and I would like to move it back for Select File. If we're going to have a hullabaloo about it, forget it.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I can still vote.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, you bet.

SENATOR SYAS: I don't have to go along with it. I might be the only vote but your motion is quite clear. We'll debate the amendment a little bit more thoroughly if you get it back there but I can't see any purpose of bringing it back.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I would oppose the motion to return because I believe this was taken up during committee hearing. The League of Municipalities had plenty of time to think about this and I even believe it was discussed at that time so I would suggest that it not be returned.

PRESIDENT: Are you all through discussing the motion to return the bill? Senator Lewis, do you have any closing on the.....

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, I'll just make one or two comments. Again I'd say this is something that there's some concern for on the part of cities. I don't know about the comparison of the states to the cities, it's hard to make those kinds of comparisons. I think if this is something they're concerned about, I'm certainly willing to go along with the way they desire to have that set up as....I say again this is not a crunch constitutional issue. The state will not fall whether this bill's returned or not. And I don't think any cities will fold. I think it's something they think would be good for them legislatively and I certainly