

They are satisfied with this bill. The Merit Commission for the sheriffs remains intact and the people who operate that merit system are satisfied with this bill. And Sheriff Janing who originally expressed opposition to this bill has said nothing publicly against it after these amendments and changes were incorporated into the bill. It seems to me that if you support the idea of helping people so that they don't go back to jail after they have been there once, you should vote for this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. A question or two of Senator Kime if he would yield?

SENATOR KIME: Okay.

SENATOR SNYDER: Senator Kime, I have been following this bill for some time this session working with some of the deputy sheriffs, talking with them, etc. I was unaware of your motion or that it would be placed before the Body. Might I ask you why you have made the motion to strike the enacting clause on this bill and could you also tell me how you came to arrive at the decision. Who approached you regarding the bill?

SENATOR KIME: I made the motion because I think it's a bad bill, Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Do you personally? And you have not had contact or been asked to do this by the Association of Sheriffs or whatever statewide organization for the county sheriffs?

SENATOR KIME: Yes....excuse me....I've been touch with the State Sheriffs Association and Peace Officers since this bill was first initiated. And they have been against it from the very start.

SENATOR SNYDER: All right, thank you. I wish I'd been in closer contact with you regarding this measure during the session. Members of the Legislature, I have reservations about LB782. First of all, it affects my county, Douglas County, and only that county. There have been reports on and off as to who supports it, who doesn't. It's been up and down. I don't think anybody is really clear regarding LB782 except for the introducer and a few members of the Douglas County Board. I just can't see, look at this bill if you would, LB782 in the first section, says it has been declared a policy of the State of Nebraska and the exercise of its police powers to foster and promote local control of local affairs. Local control of local affairs. So now they want the County Board, five persons, a realtor, a trucking executive, an insurance man, former county surveyor, among others, they want them to "foster and promote local control of local affairs". Well, if we're going to take this attitude, why don't we just let the County Boards statewide also become the county engineer, probably the Clerks of the District Courts, let them be the sheriffs, of course. Let's let them do everything. I thought this was the day of specialization. I thought this was the day you had to be trained, adequately trained, with knowledge in the areas that you were performing duties in. Later on, in the bill, it says because heavy concentration of inhabitants in urban area place too much of a burden on the already