

smaller, and pretty soon you have all of the counties in the state involved in it, and that is the danger I see in this kind of legislation. I oppose this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I serve on the Retirement Committee and it is not all that unusual to have different political subdivisions or not even political subdivisions, just different groups come in and bring bills before the Retirement Committee to change their retirement system. As you might recall, we recently had one dealing strictly with the Omaha Public School system and this was a bill that just looked at the Omaha Public School system and dealt with their particular retirement system. We have ones dealing with Class III school districts. We have some dealing with counties, with cities. Different types of political subdivisions have different types of retirement systems. So it isn't all that unusual that we have something along these lines. In the Retirement Committee, we did hear a bill dealing with this brought in by Senator Withem that dealt with the county sheriffs and I wonder if Senator Withem might answer a question.

SENATOR WITHEM: I will try to.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Withem, did you introduce a bill before the Retirement Committee earlier this year, LB 16...(interruption).

SENATOR WITHEM: I don't remember the number, Senator, but Senator Hartnett, Senator Hall, and I co-sponsored the deputy sheriffs retirement bill this year, yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Was this similar to this particular amendment that you are offering on LB 432?

SENATOR WITHEM: It was similar in the sense that it dealt with the question of deputy sheriffs retirement, similar in that our concern, I think I can speak for Senator Hartnett, was providing that better retirement benefits for deputy sheriffs. It was dissimilar in the sense that this amendment only deals with Sarpy County, whereas the bill that we had would have established a separate statewide system for deputy sheriffs.