

too because we want to make sure we maintain the type of benefits that are going to attract the best possible law enforcement officers in our county, and you've got our deputy sheriffs saying they want it. You've got the sponsor of the bill, Senator Wesely, saying, fine, he accepts this amendment. And you've got the NACO saying that they don't object to the amendment if all it does is deal with Sarpy County. Fight in future years if senators from Hall County want to come in with a bill to include Hall County, or to make it to the rest of the state. Fight it then, but don't pick on our amendment at this point. Secondly, once again Senator Abboud is stating, basically, the misinformation to the body that this concept was rejected by the Retirement Committee. This is not the deputy sheriffs retirement bill. This is an amendment to LB 432 that deals with only one county and one group of employees in that county. This is not the same bill that Senator Hall, Senator Hartnett and Senator Withem brought to the Retirement Committee. Yes, granted, it does deal with a portion of that problem, but this is not taking a dead bill and amending it to a bill sitting on Select File in its entirety. It simply does not do that. I think it is not fair to keep bringing up that argument because it is just not so. With that we spent a lot of time on this amendment. I am pleased that Senator Wesely has agreed to give us a shot to get this concept attached to this bill. I would urge you to adopt this amendment and then get onto the bill because, unlike those who say don't attach this amendment onto a bill they are planning on voting against anyway, I plan on supporting 432, whether you adopt this amendment or not. It's a good bill and it is a worthwhile piece of legislation. I think if you adopt this amendment it will make it a slightly better piece of legislation. But, regardless, I plan on supporting the bill. I ask you to support our amendment to LB 432.

PRESIDENT: The Chair interrupts debate to announce that Senator Smith of Hastings has guests in the south balcony. They are third, fourth and fifth and sixth graders, about 34 of them, from District 15 School in Hastings, accompanied by their teachers and sponsors. We are very glad you came down. We welcome you to the Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, also rise in opposition of this amendment. I know that my county is maybe next in line for this very same thing to