

SENATOR HARTNETT: That, right now I think our City Council ruled that it is the Mayor plus the City Council of Bellevue do it. I think in...what is the county of Decatur...I think the county board does it, but in Bellevue the City Council plus the Mayor does that, as it is right now.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And in Decatur, I'm sorry, who does it?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think it is the county...I don't know whether it is the City Council or I don't really know.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Or (inaudible) Decatur, in other words, the city that it...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, it is really permissive that it allows them to do this. They don't have to do it. So Decatur made it...not decided to do it. I simply am bringing the bill because my City Council and Mayor wanted this to add a little bit of expertise to the...(interruption).

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do you feel comfortable taking out the partisan requirement?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes. Yes, I think they want to just simply get some, you know, good people to run it. I don't...no, I don't have any problems with that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I move the approval of the amendments.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I think I would just like to add one more comment before we move the committee amendments and I think that the principal reason for the expansion of the board of directors is because they expect a tremendous increase in the maintenance because of the traffic of people going to Iowa to buy lottery tickets. So I move the adoption of the committee amendments.