

SENATOR MOORE: On a serious, I need to ask Senator Hall a question. I was driving into Lincoln today and I heard on KFAB and if I heard it on KFAB, Paul Harvey rather than the World-Herald. I believe it, that...

SENATOR HALL: And that explains it, Senator, that explains you, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I didn't include Rush Limbaugh there, at least. But Mayor Morgan announced yesterday or today that it is pretty well a done deal, at least in his opinion, that he had private investors lined up for the Royals. Mr. Cherry was going to possibly extend the deadline. I guess my question is, if that is the case, do we still need either of these amendments I guess?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Moore, what you heard on the radio was probably the same thing that I heard, that the first, and again, let me just again state for the record that the first choice I think of everyone is to have the Royals stay in Omaha, have them stay there through private ownership that is located in Omaha, that really what this amendment does is allow for a fall back position for the city to be able to retain the ability to locate a local owner or group of owners who would buy the franchise as opposed to having someone come in from either one of the coasts or another state with really the express intent of moving the club and that's exactly what we're, I guess, the city and other members are afraid of that that could take place. It was my understanding that the comments the mayor made this morning were directed toward a private sale which would moot this issue of the amendment. If that's the case, if that's a done deal by the time this issue, if it's adopted here, gets moved over to Final E & R, if it doesn't cost anything, if it's still on E & R, I'd bring it back and strike it.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: If we don't need it, it basically becomes you know, unnecessary language and it could be a revisor's bill next year as well.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, you know, as a co-sponsor of that, obviously I want to keep the Royals in Omaha, but if it's not necessary at that point...