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(Start of Belt #2)

CLERK: Read.

SPEAKER: Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: I would like to move to strike the enacting clause. I would like to move it back to Select File.

SPEAKER: We have before us the motion to return to Select File for specific amendment, that be to strike the enacting clause.

SENATOR FELLMAN: I didn't mean to interrupt. You can finish.

CLERK: That's alright.

SPEAKER: Go ahead. It's your motion.

SENATOR FELLMAN: It seems to me that the...that if this bill is passed the way it now stands, the Omaha transit, the authority, will be without regulation of any sort. It will be appointed by the mayor. It will be able to buy, sell, remove, route, raise fares, do whatever it wants to do without any control from anybody and it seems to me very wise the action that was taken in the past to allow the mayor to appoint members of this Board, but it seems to me that there should be a check and that check should be with the Public Service Commission and I would hate to see a Board with the powers that the potential of this bill will give this Board. It will affect the entire public transit system of the city in terms of safety, cost, and everything else without any check at all on it.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Snyder. Senator Snyder, before you speak, Senator Fellman, is your motion merely to strike the enacting clause or is it to return it for a specific motion to strike the new material? What..You have to have a specific,,

SENATOR FELLMAN: I think it is to return it to strike.

SPEAKER: That helps a lot.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Return it to Select File.

SPEAKER: If you strike the enacting clause, you are killing the bill, is that your intention.

SENATOR FELLMAN: No. My motion is to return it to Select File for specific amendment.

SPEAKER: All right. Let's..and what's the amendment, Senator.

SENATOR FELLMAN: To strike the enacting clause.

SPEAKER: Same thing. We have before us the motion to return to Select File for specific amendment, that be to strike the enacting clause LB 70. The chair recognizes Senator Snyder, then Senator Duis.

SENATOR SNYDER: Well, with all due respect to the freshman Senator from Douglas county, the bill has been read on Final Reading. I don't think that it was the second hand passing 42 after the hour that made him decide that he was going to make this motion. I just wonder why the..why the introducer of that motion didn't come to the introducer of the bill and talk to him about this particular motion that is before us now. The bill had its hearing. It's been discussed on the floor twice and I think...I'm behind the bill 100%, of course. But in addition to that, I'm against the way this motion came about. The bill has had its Final Reading and I would ask that the body reject Senator Fellman's motion to return the bill to Select File for his, not only specific motion but