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Now, the Chair would make a special allowance because it is Valentine's Day and so forth, Senator Mahoney for you to go ahead and speak on this motion if you so desire.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Thanks, but I would have to yield to Senator Murphy, because, Senator Murphy would be cheated as a freshman Senator.

SPEAKER: Very good, Senator Murphy, if you feel slighted by the Chair, so help me, you may have the floor and you may speak on the motion, and we will go back to Senator Fellman's motion, which is to return the bill to select file for a specific amendment, just as if he hadn't made the motion to withdraw his motion.

SENATOR MURPHY: To all of you involved, but I would speak on the motion and I welcome Senator Fellman to that lonesome red light that was on that board, and to the no vote that existed in committee on both of these bills. Now when I came down here, I thought I was coming to Lincoln to participate in state legislation. Since then I have allowed this body to increase the school tax in the city of Omaha by 50%, Senator Goodrich has proposed that we eliminate half of the property from taxation, we are changing the city council at large, by district, in and out, now I haven't had the privilege of living in Omaha, so it puts me at a disadvantage at this sort of legislation, and I wonder if possibly the building commission while trying to figure out a way to gracefully disfigure the arches, could maybe figure out a way to jack this place up and we slide it over to Omaha, then we will all be closer to our work. It remains in my mind within a very few years, we'll be about as adept at running the city of Omaha, as Congress has been at running the city of Washington, D. C., in which case I would secede from the Union, but there is one good thing going to happen, in 69, LB 69 we remove from the citizens of Omaha, their right to select the commissioners of this transient authority before there was ever a ballot printed after last years legislation, giving them a chance to do so. Now we have eliminated or at least rebuked their two to one election not to elect their counselors by district, and I figure at the rate we're emasculating the voters of Omaha, we may have the solution to Senator DeCamp's bill on abortion.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Mahoney, then Senator Skarda, then Senator Stahmer, before we get too far away, I would remind the body that we are still on final reading. Senator Mahoney, do you want to yield the floor to Senator Duis?

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, Senator Duis, I appreciate that you let me have this minute. I'll take a minute. I'm glad to see that Senator Syas did get up and speak, because Senator Syas has never voted last session, when I had this bill, he's always sat in his seat and he didn't want Omaha to have any of this authority, they were not to have a transient authority. Senator Syas sat there as the great grey ghost. He was not with us, but today he gets up and he gives us this sermon on how to straighten us all out. Senator Snyder has done a beautiful job of taking these three bills across and I bow to you, this is the third one. I sat in my seat and watched the last bill pass by, which said that no longer, and this is one of the things I was quizzed on by Senator Syas the last session, that no longer shall we have the elected members, they shall be appointed, this is our big question on that bill. On this bill here Mr. President, is the question of the freshman Senator who on this particular morning is St. Valentine's Day, has brought us to our feet, and been able to see a bill that should be looked at, laid aside for a week, and I think we should compliment Senator Fellman for doing so. I think