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amendment and on this we--this is my bill of last session. This is a Revisor's bill and the amendment would make definite that the security deposits required on rental property would be kept in an account in this state so if there was a problem when someone concluded their rental agreement over the security deposit, at least it would be in the state of Nebraska so that it would be subject to the courts in this state and would not be removed to another state. So I would hope we could move it back and add the amendment.

SPEAKER: The motion is to return LB 7 from Select File back to General File--back to Select File. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, is it fair to ask for the motion to be read now so we know what motion we are going to be considering when it gets back there.

SPEAKER: The clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment and the specific amendment is: Read.

SENATOR GOODRICH: OK. I have no objection to that whatsoever.

SPEAKER: Senator Dickinson, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, I arise--a question of the chair, I guess. When--this will be--an opportunity to be questioned and debated at some later time, correct? I would have a question of the introducer, then.

SPEAKER: I would imagine you should debate it at this time.

SENATOR DICKINSON: OK, will Senator Simpson yield to a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Simpson, do you yield?

SENATOR DICKINSON: A clarification, Senator Simpson, is this--I'm not sure--I'm not a landlord and I don't rent rental housing and so forth but this would apply to any and all persons who might rent a house and/or an apartment. If they take--if they own only one and take a one hundred dollar deposit, the security deposit I guess would be the terminology, that they have to then start a special account and keep this money there during the term of this agreement with the tenant, with no exceptions?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I would say the only exception from this as it's applied would be housing authorities which are exempted from the sub-section 1 of this portion of the act, this as now in effect. Yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I guess I have some apprehension, Senator Simpson. I am thinking about specific individuals who might be renting one house and require a \$50 deposit with the lease agreement and then would have to start a special account in a local bank and maintain this during this time. Is this the intent of it?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Well, it is a security deposit. The only thing we want to make sure is that the security deposit would stay within the state of Nebraska. That's what the intent is.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Has there been some real problem in this area that the security deposits were not available to the other person at the end of a lease period?