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PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as has been stated here before, this is one of the bills from last year, discussed then, discussed in public hearing, discussed last year and this year many, many times. I hope that we do not bring it back. This is an amendment very similar to which we discussed at some time ago and it is from the builders. It is those people who want to have inspection for a safe building for people to live in. It is set up to be done at the plant and not in the field to save those costs and inspection is in the plant and we have a Board, a Commission set up and I forget the exact makeup of it but whatever it is it will have fair consideration and hearing of what those rules and regs should be. Now to allow political subdivisions or municipalities to compare its codes against the Departments within 30 days after the effective date is entirely unrealistic. The Department will not have a state's standards adopted until considerable time after the 30 days, if it conscientiously does its job and does it well. The Department and Advisory Board would not have the authority to begin their work and formulate a state code until after the effective date of this act. So there is plenty of time for any community who is opposing or asking this bill to be brought back for this specific amendment. They will have plenty of time and plenty of input with the Commission which is going to hear and review those standards. So I say, let us not bring this bill back. Let us move on with our other legislation. There is much other important legislation, also, that needs to be discussed before our 60th day.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter. Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, just very briefly, I think there is something in the soil, you know, that moves a little bit of demagoguery into here. I don't know anybody talking about statewide building codes, or excuse me, statewide zoning codes unless it is Senator Frank Lewis. I would remind him, it was me, Senator Lewis, that put in the provisions in this bill to make sure that local control existed over subdivision and zoning. A few days ago, it was me that stripped LB 91, manufactured or modular home parks or subdivisions, of the language which would remove from local control any kind of site development decisions. I have resisted that all the way and I don't know of anybody that is talking about like you are suggesting. I really can't help it that there are pipes on the surface of the ground in Oklahoma. There may be ten privies on every block in Oklahoma City for all I know but that is no argument against what we are talking about here. Compromise, Senator Lewis, you have got an interesting idea of what a compromise is because the key aspect of this bill that makes it workable you want to take out. Now that is an interesting compromise. I have