

their fronts of their stores, in this particular defined district and outlined by the elected city council, then they could decorate their fronts. If they wanted to plant trees or have a different color of sidewalks or whatever they decide to do, if they agree to tax themselves to do so, it would let them have some features in that community that would draw trade in they feel. So we want to help these communities to build themselves up because many of them are dieing on the vine and need help. This just gives them the privilege of taxing themselves.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, I believe, we first have to adopt the committee amendments. I do not believe we ever voted on that.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, it's the committee amendments. I'm sorry. That's the question. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes to adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: They are adopted. Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: I move that LB 61 be advanced as amended.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Murphy did you wish to be heard on the bill?

SENATOR MURPHY: On the motion to advance, yes.

PRESIDENT: Alright.

SENATOR MURPHY: The formation of this district, Senator Swigart, is to be as dictated by the city council.

SENATOR SWIGART: It would first be initiated. It has to come to the city council through a recommendation from the district that wants to create itself, yes.

SENATOR MURPHY: Now then, if I am one of those people involved in that district and I have a couple of adjoining people maybe a store or two down whom I know are going to oppose me, can I then create a district that is maybe a little lopsided to the left in order to avoid enough the 51% to object? Can I gerrymander this thing under this bill?

SENATOR SWIGART: Yes, you could.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, did you wish to be heard on this matter? (No response). Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: I have a question of Senator Swigart. Senator Swigart, do you see any possibility of cities or municipalities losing the fine credit record they have in this state now by allowing a lot of additional taxing authorities?

SENATOR SWIGART: Senator Dworak, that this could be a factor in their total indebtedness. However, we're going to following