

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, I would like to speak again briefly on the bill, the first time officially on the bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: You're recognized to speak on the bill now.

SENATOR BEREUTER: The bill is requested by the League of Nebraska Municipalities. The difficulties have been ironed out with the two metropolitan areas. The County Association has no objection officially and unofficially as far as I know. The situation has been this. The cities of all classes and villages have really not had full use of their funds. This would provide that they will come to the cities and villages routinely but more importantly it will tell them what the source of those funds are that are available. In some counties now the village comes and takes out money on a sort of hit and miss basis and they really don't understand the source of such funds. They don't understand how many of the dollars come from delinquent taxes, how many come from special assessments, how many come from other sources and so by simply xeroxing the general ledger which is now prepared monthly in many counties, in fact most counties, they will understand where the money comes from and then they can invest it as they choose. Mr. President, I move for the advancement of the bill to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Bereuter, if he will yield.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Bereuter, will you respond?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, I will.

SENATOR HEFNER: How come you just picked the towns and cities? How come you didn't pick the school districts and other subdivisions of government?

SENATOR BEREUTER: To be truthful, only because the cities asked and they have a very diverse source of funds that comes to them whereas, as I understand it, most of the political subdivision money comes from a relatively few sources and therefore the situation for villages and cities is much more complex and also it's the villages in particular that have part time Clerks that have a difficult time really understanding perhaps in some cases where the money would come from.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, and how often do they apply for that money now?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Some villages I understand apply as infrequently as twice a year. A few do apply only that infrequently.

SENATOR HEFNER: Then I'd like to ask another question. How often can you apply for it?

SENATOR BEREUTER: You can apply every day.

SENATOR HEFNER: Oh, you can?

SENATOR BEREUTER: This would allow you to apply every month. I understand that very few cities would ever apply more than monthly but theoretically it is possible.