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SENATOR DUIS: Well, I would presume that that would be a very, very small amount on a lease purchase.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I assume that a lease purchase agreement could involve an ultimate cost of depending on what you are buying in the tens of thousands and up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

SENATOR DUIS: That would be correct, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So why should not the city council be required to approve of that?

SENATOR DUIS: Well, actually it would be a difficult situation, but I think Senator Koch might have something on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, first of all, Senator Beutler, to answer your first question about lease purchase agreement, that's still in there and all we're doing in the bill is to harmonize it with other sections that deal with lease purchases. We did nothing with that. The other problem is that you've got to remember that you're dealing with second class cities and others who have many times problems as relate to purchases. There is still a guarantee in there I think if you read on Page 3 up there at the top where it says the council, after a certain amount, shall have to approve those. All we're doing is we're increasing the amount to \$10,000 and I don't think that's unreasonable for some of your smaller communities. Primarily, this bill deals with smaller second class cities, and they are a different type of community in terms of help and professionals and things of this nature. So it's primarily done for smaller communities and I don't think it's going to endanger the process at all. But we are harmonizing lease purchase with other statutes. That's in there. It's definitive. Secondly, we are allowing them to go to a \$10,000 figure there on personal property and estimates, and the council still comes into play I think at all times. I see no reason to be concerned about the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on your motion?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it proper to ask a question in closing, Mr. Speaker?