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SENATOR KOCH: Well, that is providing that the city council and all the hearings proceed to that process but I want to remind you and Senator Beutler that this was placed in there for small communities, Grand Island, Arapahoe, were the two cities that asked for that kind of a definitive amendment. Now that is not for Omaha and the record will show that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you have any other comments?

SENATOR MURPHY: Only that according to our discussions for two years on this floor this has been a means to redevelop a blighted area, not to pick and choose single buildings. If single buildings cannot be handled by the local city people under current statutes or cannot be handled by private financing, I think it would be entirely improper and, in fact, I would question its constitutionality as implementation of a constitutional amendment supported by the people of this state that related specifically to blighted areas and made absolutely no mention of this type of financing. I support Senator Beutler's motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you want to speak to the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that some of the reporting of the local newspapers has instilled a spirit here that is unique. This piece of legislation, and I will get to the amendment, was put together by every size of community in the State of Nebraska. Hours were spent on developing this legislation, and as I said, this amendment was brought us specifically by the City of Grand Island Economic Development Council and the community of Arapahoe. That is the reason that we allowed this amendment to come in here. The smaller communities felt that they were the ones who would need this type of a definitive definition in order to use this as a tool. So I want you to know it wasn't my, what should I say, my position that it had to be this way but if you want to make this bill a tool for all communities regardless of size, then you have got to allow that amendment to stay, but if you are against the small communities and the Grand Islands and so forth, then go ahead and adopt Senator Murphy's-Senator Beutler's proposed amendment because you are indeed then going to leave it only for the very large communities, such as, Omaha and possibly Lincoln. I would remind Senator Beutler that the Cornhusker Hotel sits down here and they could also use it. Not only that there is always the state to buy the Elks Buildings and things like that sitting around for state public office