

January 11, 1994 LB 501

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, we heard LB 501 that was brought by Senator Day and Schellpeper last year. We have a little amendment to it that would authorize trustees of a board of SID to receive mileage reimbursement for board meetings at the same rate as state employees. I think last year that was 24 cents and that's basically what the committee amendment does is simply allows them to receive reimbursement for mileage. If there's any questions, I will try to answer, but I would ask for the advancement or for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the explanation of the committee amendments. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, any close? Senator Hartnett waives closing. We'll proceed to vote. All in favor signify by voting aye, all opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Day, you are recognized to open on LB 501.

SENATOR DAY: Mr. Speaker and members, this is one that has to deal with some minor wording problems within this...in the statutes. They've caused an awful lot of problem though in Madison and Stanton County. There's two areas that really address this. First is road maintenance. Right now it says that the SID may contract with a city or county within whose zoning jurisdiction the SID is located. Madison County took the position that, since Norfolk exercises zoning jurisdiction over these SIDs, that Norfolk was the exclusive local government that the SID could contract which have road maintenance. What LB 501 does is allows the SID to contract with the city or the county, depending on what is the most effective and efficient use of the local government property and power. This is permissive legislation. We are not mandating anything, we are only giving them the ability to go to the negotiating table with the county. The second area is it clarifies the statutes for clearing snow and ice. Currently, what it says is that the snow and ice removal can be provided only for counties of 60,000 population or more. Now the County of Madison and Judge Ensz read this as prohibiting a county board for counties of under 60,000 to