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LB 150

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this will simply allow the county, Douglas County, to work with the city on this and not force them to do it and they will come to an agreement to make the special assessments hopefully more economically put out with the tax statement. It simply allows the county to work with the city to do this.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: All right, is there any discussion on Senator Pirsch's motion to return LB 150 to change the word? The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: A question of Senator Pirsch if she would yield.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Pirsch, will you respond to a question?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Pirsch, what prevents the City of Omaha now from having authority to follow up and collect those dues which are actually due them because of this ordinance? Why don't they enforce their ordinances?

SENATOR PIRSCH: As I understand they have turned some over to collection agencies but if people won't pay....

SENATOR KOCH: They have due process if people do not pay.

SENATOR PIRSCH: They can file a lien, right.

SENATOR KOCH: They can pursue through the courts to get that payment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right, Senator Koch, this has nothing to do with enforcing or changing the process of the special assessment. They were hoping that by listing it on a tax statement it simply gave it more weight.

SENATOR KOCH: Well my question is, what prevents them now from listing it that way?

SENATOR PIRSCH: The County of Douglas maintains that they are due on different dates, that they are different interest and have a different lien process.

SENATOR KOCH: Well this bothers me a little bit. Thank you, Senator Pirsch. I am not criticizing you.