

February 2, 1979

LB 150

SENATOR PIRSCH: No.

SENATOR KOCH: But it bothers me a little bit that when the City of Omaha cannot enforce their own ordinances and it also bothers me to sit here again trying to do a work for them that they are getting paid for. To me, if they have lots and if they have weeds and they can not collect, then that is their problem and they ought to solve internally, but one more time they want to come here to the Legislature and indirectly put the blame on us for enforcing some standards that they should be enforcing themselves. I cannot support the intent of this bill.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Pirsch, just for clarification, when you mow the weeds on a lot and the owner of the lot does not pay for it, then it becomes a bill against the lot. Isn't that right?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right.

SENATOR KEYES: When it becomes a bill against the lot, before you can enter into the procedure to collect that bill, before that comes the taxes, special assessments and several other things that come ahead of that. So if you go to collect the weed mowing on this lot and sell the lot, force the lot up to sale which takes four or five years you find that even though you sell the lot, if it doesn't bring enough money above the taxes and other assessments for paving and sewer and what ever else they have you still do not get the weed money.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right, that is an inferior lien.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Is there any further discussion on the motion to return LB 150 to Select File for the specific amendment? The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, would you read the amendment again please? I'm sorry, I haven't heard it.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Read the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Reread Pirsch motion found on page 412 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I don't know why you