

The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Pirsch.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR COPE: I want to be sure and clarify it. The bill passed as you asked with the amendment would...it is "shall", they "shall" which is in the language now, cut the weeds, tear down the buildings, whatever it takes and it will be a lien on their property that has to be paid when they pay their taxes. Is there any way that they can get out of this lien on their property? Or it is the same as tax lien, be included with the taxes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: This is what they are working for.

SENATOR COPE: That is your amendment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But a special assessment is an inferior lien to a tax lien.

SENATOR COPE: Yes, but it will be on the tax statement.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, it will simply be listed and specified in a listing with your breakdown of your other taxes.

SENATOR COPE: That is what I wanted to be sure of.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right, so it would be very clear of what it is and it will save Omaha money and also encourage people to pay it with their taxes.

SENATOR COPE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am very disappointed in Senator Chambers. It took him twenty two days to come up with a good speech.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Sorry, Senator Chambers, I could not call him out of order in time. Okay, Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to talk on the bill, not the amendment.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: We are talking on the motion to return right now.