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SENATOR WESELY: I have no objection.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any further discussion on the bill? Senator Murphy, and then Senator Haberman. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well I would pursue the issue I raised in committee on it, and I would like to know how many of the citizens of Lincoln feel that there should be a discontinuance of notice of what the city is spending in the way of large amounts of money. This would require no notice of any expenditure of the city whatsoever. Isn't that correct, Senator?

SENATOR WESELY: There would be notice, but it would not be published in the paper.

SENATOR MURPHY: Where would it be?

SENATOR WESELY: It would be with the city government. It would be open to the public...that information.

SENATOR MURPHY: The information would be at council meetings, which, of course, are crowded with citizens...

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, exactly. Published in agenda.

SENATOR MURPHY: I frankly am opposed to this concept. I complain bitterly that our people are so ill informed about their government, and now we are going to allow the city to run free without notice to the people of claims of sums of money of any amount. Now I might have gone along with a \$500 exemption, or a \$1000 dollar exemption, but to say that the citizens of any city no longer need to be advised of the kind of monies their cities are spending and where they're spending them is a premise I don't care for, and accordingly I'll have to oppose the bill.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: A question of Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Will you walk me through this one more time? Let me see if I understand it. Claims of a hundred