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LB 181, 395

SENATOR GEORGE: So far it is not dead yet and we certainly want to help Omaha in any respect to recuperate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We mean the part other than what was being discussed this morning under Senator Venditte's amendment. The legal commercial area of downtown. What you are saying right now is that the commercial area of downtown which does remain, draws enough people to justify the building of these parking garages.

SENATOR GEORGE: It depends upon which way you look at it, Senator Chambers. There are certainly numerous people either from Omaha or surrounding counties that used to go shopping downtown Omaha. They do not any more because they have had a lot of bad experiences with either parking or getting fined, getting tickets and they say they can not park there so consequently they shop somewhere else and it certainly doesn't help downtown Omaha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, one other question. If you build these parking garages and they are talking about energy crunches, shortage of gasoline and other things, wouldn't more parking space encourage more people to drive thereby not encouraging car pools?

SENATOR GEORGE: Senator Chambers, for instance in my district helps considerably to finance the City of Omaha because you have the sales tax and a special sales tax, and I even voted for it. These people come from 20-30-40 miles away. There is no other way for these people to arrive in Omaha and for these people to do business in Omaha unless they come in by car.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Oh, I'm sorry, all those in favor say aye. Opposed no. The bill is advanced. LB 395.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are E & R amendments to 395.

SPEAKER MARVEL: E & R amendments to 395.

SENATOR WESELY: I move the E & R amendments to 395.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed no. The motion carried, the E & R amendments are adopted.