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and I am certain the general public is going to be fully aware of the amount of development that is going to take place. I can't believe that Senator Murphy, who has been one of the strongest proponents of free enterprise systems since I have been here now suddenly is saying that some developer is going to take the city and that community. I just don't believe this. First of all, that developer has got to be a willing developer and that developer has got to have some flexibility. Otherwise, you are going to defeat the whole purpose of this bill. I see nothing wrong and I do not believe it is going to be abused nor misused because the process of hearings, plans, feasibility studies will all be a part of it. So, therefore, for us to say today that this is going to set up huge parks, they are going to be public in nature and tax related dollars are going for this, I think is absolutely wrong and not with any rationale. I oppose the Murphy amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion? Senator Lewis, your light is still on. Senator Lewis, do you wish to speak? Your light is still on. Senator Murphy, do you wish to close on your amendment, motion or amendment #2?

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I have seen those slide presentations and I have heard the pitch that was made. I personally disagree with the manner in which it was presented and the many shortcomings it had and this is one of them. At no time did this body advocate taking tax funds which are needed for our school systems, if you will, and our other subdivisions of government who are down here asking that we absorb their costs because they do not have the funds, and yet we are going to take those increased tax funds and donate them, donate them, if you will, to a private developer. Now that is tax money and I do not think that we should turn that developer loose to do as we say in this particular amendment anything that he can in any way relate to a redevelopment project. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of amendment #2 to LB 158. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Senator Murphy, what is your pleasure?

SENATOR MURPHY: My pleasure would be a blue ribbon but not at the moment, sir. I don't want to belabor it or delay Senator Koch's bill. I will accept the wishes of the body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.