

tax dollars for private projects, and my intention in voting for this bill all the way through is not that the City Council of Lincoln should be able to use publicly raised tax funds to build pedestrian shopping malls or convention and civic centers which are mentioned on page 5 of the bill that are then going to benefit private owners. I have real serious problems with that concept. But I think what this bill does basically is that it establishes through the principle of local control the right of city councils to engage in these projects which are going to significantly beautify and modernize our urban areas, and for that reason I am in favor of it. But I would certainly caution the city councils when they raise public funds and when they use public funds not to get themselves in the business of building pedestrian shopping malls or plazas, which is on page 5 of the bill, or convention and civic centers with public funds that are ultimately going to benefit private ownership to the detriment of the taxpayer, and I don't think that is the intent of the bill. Literally read, it would seem perhaps to authorize that, but I really hope that the city council would be very cautious in the way it permits public funds to be used in these kinds of projects, and with that understanding I will continue to support the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair is going to recognize Senator George to explain the committee amendments and any other remarks that he wishes to make and then we will proceed back to the discussion. The discussion is fragmenting. Most of the day the discussion has fragmented. So to try to bring it back into one piece, at least, I recognize Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President. I believe we are slowly getting into the discussion of the bill. The bill has not been explained. The committee amendments have not been moved and I believe we can certainly facilitate this discussion if we would go our normal route of first looking at the committee amendments, then explain the bill and then go to any other amendment. For instance, the one objection as I mentioned before by the Attorney General will be taken care of by one amendment which Senator Fowler has. That would resolve that issue. So I really believe that maybe we will....I would suggest that we will vote on Senator Murphy's motion to return the bill to committee, and then go ahead explain the amendments, explain the bill, and then we can have an orderly discussion on that. I certainly feel that we could facilitate the discussion if we go along that route. Therefore, I hope you will come to