

SIDs and their control and their functions. This SID which is in my district is a little west of where I live, has over two thousand people who live in it. It is fully developed and for the past seven or eight years these people in good faith have been trying to meet all the standards that is placed before them by the law and by the city. They have been before the Planning Works Committee, they have been before the Planning Board, they have met the master plan of the county and the city, they have done everything. They have even increased their own mill levy to pay off their indebtedness at a greater rate. The valuation of this SID is \$18,000,000 and so you see it is an SID with considerable wealth. These people by 95% of the residents have stated very clearly in petitions that they are willing to obligate themselves for a community center. This community center is not only available to those individuals but would be available to approximately thirty thousand people of the area and if you know this area at all, it is primarily all residential and there is indeed a considerable need for a community center not only for the youth but for the adults as well. I handed to you a packet which explains to you the whole procedure. I spent time with the city government of Omaha on this issue for these people and on their behalf. The last action I observed I was told that everything was all right and so I didn't speak to the council. I merely sat silent and watched the action. After that action I was terrible disgusted. That is what prompted me to go to these people and say I will introduce legislation and try to help you on this situation which I think is not very credible on the part of some elected officials. So I am here before you today to ask help for these people and for a community of considerable size, the community which is responsible and have worked diligently in trying to obtain certain facilities for themselves. If Omaha had annexed SID 95 which they will do no doubt some day, they will not be accumulating a large debt because the community center is estimated to cost about \$1,200,000. Up until the time Omaha annexes them these people will tax themselves to pay off the bonded indebtedness for that center and I think they will do it, no doubt in my mind they will do it. SIDs in some cases are badly managed but in this case this is an SID with exemplary management and exemplary conduct. I am asking to you to accept the amendment of Senator Newell and advance LB 30 to E & R initial. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, are we speaking to the Newell amendment or to the bill itself? Are we speaking to the Newell amendment or to the bill itself?