

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead.

SENATOR KOCH: When he believes that other SIDs might immediately grab this opportunity I think that he has to remember one thing, that the jurisdiction of Omaha is considerable. It is a three mile jurisdiction and I want you to remember that the statute language is very clear. That SID if they wanted to plan some other kind of facilities would have to go through a number of hurdles. First of all they have to go through the Public Works Committee. They have to go through the Planning Committee. They have to go through the Parks and Recreation Committee and all that has to be approved. They have to be in sync with the master plan of the county and the city and then they have got to go to the City Council and by resolution the City Council then must approve all this and if you know government, that isn't going to happen over night because there are a considerable number of steps they have to take before they ever get to that final situation. There is also a petition system here. They have got to go to their people and they have got to get a petition which demonstrates that those people are indeed willing to carry out this goal and the last thing they have to do after that after the petition then is they also then must publish in a local newspaper of general circulation, the hearing and the procedures. So all those checks and balances are still there so it is doubtful any other SID would really be able to avail themselves of this privilege particularly when you have a sunset provision so I am hoping that this will solve any problems some of you may have in terms of who might abuse it and who will use it. I ask for the adoption of the Newell amendment and the advancement of LB 130 (sic) to E & R initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to yield my time and to request to Senator Koch, several of us have been talking and I think there are probably questions about the circumstance that brought this bill about and I think in fairness to the body we really do need to ask Senator Koch the specific background of why this bill is here before us and although he may not want necessarily to lay his cards on the table it is a not uninteresting story and if he would yield I would like to give the rest of my time to him.