

in good faith and again I am not here to indict elected officials but I do believe the credibility should be a little better when you are dealing with people in good faith when they have met all of the tests and they have met all the tests. I want you also to know that the Board of Trustees of the SID are homeowners. They are elected by their own constituents and they serve diligently and so presently they are sitting there waiting to see whether or not this body will help them. I told the committee in my closing remarks, certainly I have some concern about the rights of mayors and the legislative bodies and the courts preserve their sovereignty but we really are the mayor when it gets down to the final issue because the Legislature created SIDs and we as a body can make certain determinations if we feel that there is indeed a demonstrated need to help them on certain occasions and I have no fear that other SIDs will abuse this particular privilege. It really pertains to SID 95 by and large. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President and fellow Senators, I just want to bring out the fact that people in this SID do not live in the City of Omaha. They had nothing to do with the election of our mayor or our city council and I think that inasmuch as they are under the government of our mayor and our city council, since they don't have the power to vote them in or out of office or to even help themselves, that I would urge you to vote for Senator Koch's bill just in all sense of honesty and decency to these people. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, we are speaking to the Newell amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, speaking to the amendment, I wholeheartedly endorse the amendment and the bill because I was just aghast at some of the things that happened to these people when they tried to get their SID through the City Council of Omaha and the only thing I can say is that the Mayor of Omaha can be glad he is the Mayor of Omaha and not out in our part of the country because we wouldn't stand for things like this so I would wholeheartedly endorse the amendment and the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you have any other comments on your amendment? Do you want to close?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well I would just like to keep it in perspective. This is a one year sunset provision. Without this