

faded away. Could you expand upon that just for a moment?

SENATOR BEYER: Okay, those that appeared in opposition from the outstate areas under this bill would not be affected. In some questions that were asked of Mr. Grear by the committee members, he did state, and it is on the record, that he thought that if they could prove the need to the county boards that they could get the county boards' approval.

SENATOR NEWELL: All right, Emil, let me ask you this question. Do you think this is...obviously you don't think it is good public policy to do it statewide and you have authorized it for a special situation in the metropolitan area, isn't that correct?

SENATOR BEYER: I think the reason that the amendment was put on to come back to the metropolitan area was the fact that the other boards are elective and they are responsible to the area from which they are elected, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: All other Airport Authorities are elected?

SENATOR BEYER: Right.

SENATOR NEWELL: All other?

SENATOR BEYER: All others. We researched it. Omaha is the only appointed authority in the state.

SENATOR NEWELL: I didn't realize that. Now that...that makes a difference in what I was going to suggest I guess. I don't think you have got quite the class legislation that I thought you had originally. Senator Beyer, I will not oppose this bill at this time but I am going to reserve the right to maybe talk to you and analyze it and understand it a little better at a later point and maybe talk about some of the specifics, but if your point is correct, then I think just on the basis of class legislation, then there is a unique and different situation and we can maybe justify that.

SENATOR BEYER: That is what we come up with. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of 354 to E & R Initial. Any discussion? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.