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to all of the amendments. I feel that the bill gives the local elected officials the right to exercise their judgment which in no way is inferior to ours. I feel strongly about that. Now look what has happened in the past. They have been forced to rent inadequate facilities and as a result they have spent more on rental than they have if they would have built their own building in the first place. Now here again we are putting limitations on them. We are telling them what we think they should do and we are trying to say to them, well, I think we know more about it than you do, consequently you have got to live under our rules. So it is my strong opinion, let's give these local elected officials a right to exercise their best judgment and if they do not perform like the citizens want them to perform, all they have got to do is vote them out the next time. So I oppose all of the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, let me just further explain two items which might be helpful in understanding the committee amendments and the Maresh amendment. In committee it was described to us that this kind of financing was utilized and necessary for very small and minor construction. They didn't want to put on the ballot questions like the building of small tool sheds, small metal buildings for the keeping of park equipment, lawn mowers and the like that might be utilized in that kind of a situation and that was what the purpose of the bill was meant to cover. That was the understanding the committee had when it was looking at LB 220, that we were talking about minor projects designed actually as some kind of convenience for local political subdivisions. So we were not talking about the constructions of a city hall. We were not talking about the constructions of a community recreation center. We were talking about a small quonset hut, a small metal building for the keeping of tools and the like. That is what the committee was under the impression of. Now if that is not Senator Maresh's impression, I think the committee was entitled to have heard that and to be told that at the time of the hearing. Secondly, the League of Municipalities heard and supported the maximum of \$7,500 and it is on their behalf that this bill was introduced. That figure was thrown out at the hearing to the League representative. They agreed that that was a reasonable figure. We are not springing this on anybody and finally, let me conclude by saying that the normal rule is found in 17-953. The standard rule is that for the construction of facilities, of major facilities in a village or in a city of this class, that there is an election and that standard rule is found on lines 20 through 25 of page two of