

I don't want to be too redundant but I do want to re-emphasize some things that Senator DeCamp has said, that this would allow two or more cities or villages to unite in certain projects dealing with things beyond electricity, water in particular in my area. The towns, villages, have had quite a bit of trouble of getting enough water for the usage in the cities. We are not so concerned about irrigating water as we are about enough water for human usage and for the general business of the city. So it would give them an opportunity to maybe combine for something of that nature. Also there are areas such as garbage disposal, solid waste, things of that type, that could be done cooperatively and working together not only couldn't they accumulate more, larger sums, and we know that most of these projects are quite expensive. Most of them are beyond what one city can do by itself, and by combining they increase their financial structure and also there is some economies of the scale. There would be one bonding. Attorney fees would be for one. There is many areas, and as our society becomes more complex I think that we will find that a number of cities and villages will combine on some of these projects. I think it is a very important step and I want to congratulate Senator DeCamp for getting this thing up to this stage where the various agencies have agreed and I would urge the body to support this legislation.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to also support LB 132 and would point out that there are some parts of 132 that are rather unique, that perhaps that is the reason this bill has got this far this session, when as it has been pointed out by others, this is certainly not a new issue. Parts of the bill as redrafted, as amended by the Public Works Committee, includes some of the things that I have been insistent on in the past and many other members of this body have. Many of the other public power districts in this state have also been insistent that certain requirements be imposed on the agencies or agency to be created under the Municipal Financing Act. Most of those have been incorporated into 132 in the committee amendments. Although they are not specifically referred to by section number, as a matter of fact, most of Chapter 70, Article 10 is included and the biggest majority of Chapter 70, Article 6 is also included by including the language out of those sections. Chapter 70 is the chapter of the statutes dealing with public power districts. In other words, it is the statutes that they operate under. So the entity created by 132 will in fact operate under the same set of rules basically that the public power districts do. As Senator DeCamp indicated,