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they are also limited to some extent as to the operations that they can perform. I would remind this body also that the language has even been included in 132 that was in a bill that we passed a little earlier this session that has amended some of the sections of Chapter 70 dealing with the bidding statutes and so forth. I would simply say to Senator DeCamp that I don't intend to ask him any questions relative to the technical aspects of LB 132 out of deference to the fact that since he couldn't answer my question on LB 253, he probably won't be able to on 132 either. But I would commend you, Senator DeCamp, for getting the groups together and I would also mention that I did have a bill this year that some of the municipalities, to put it mildly, didn't care too much for but this, in effect, is doing some of the same things that I was attempting to do, heading some of the same direction. I would also put them on warning that this is not the end of this issue, that since we are headed this direction, I think it would be a good idea to keep going in some instances. I would urge the body's adoption of LB 132.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan, do you want to talk?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just had a chance to look over this bill and I don't think there is anything wrong with it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Keeping in the spirit that Senator Cullan followed on, I think that we have had kind of a rough time here with Senator DeCamp the last few days and I think it might be nice to say something nice about Senator DeCamp on this bill in particular. This bill, this is the third year that it has come up that I know of and the three years I have been down here it has always been a controversial issue. You have heard nothing but testimony in support of the bill. If this bill would have come up in any of the last two years, you would have heard nothing but controversy and fighting and I think that Senator DeCamp was able to put a compromise together that evidently everybody has agreed to. It is a good step in the right direction. The purpose is laudable. It wasn't an easy thing to do and I think we all owe a thanks to Senator DeCamp for the time he put in and the good job he did, and for once, he has all of our praise and best wishes.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.