

you think that is good policy? In other words, why don't we just say that the housing authorities are covered by the political subdivisions Tort Claims Act and one follows the remedy as outlined in that act for asserting a claim, a tort claim at least against a housing authority?

SENATOR LANDIS: One of the virtues of this is that the political subdivisions Tort Claim Act can have all kinds of applications for all kinds of tort claims. With respect to claims for housing authorities they are likely to be of exactly one kind, one repetitive kind and that is, a tenant whose property has been confiscated out upon moving out for failure to pay claims the property. So it is a very narrow range of situations. Number two, the Tort Claims Act, I'm sorry, you'll have to...can you point to the section of the bill that you're concerned with?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well I think it is Section 54, it is on page 54 of the white copy that I have in my bill book. It is Section 20 of the bill.

PRESIDENT: One minute left, Senator.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well we could talk about this privately, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: That is fine. Yes, if it is on Select File we can talk about it then. It is not my intention to create a more cumbersome system but perhaps a less cumbersome system and that is why the language, I think, was originally drawn.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well you also in your committee amendments you have a provision that says that the housing authority has insurance coverage for the particular claim. Then these statutory provisions don't even obtain I mean and the claim is just made directly against the insurance carrier. How did that particular item come to pass, Senator Landis? That is in the committee amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Right. I'll have to check my notes on that, Senator Johnson, although I can tell you that the language in the bill was negotiated essentially between members of the Department of Economic Development, the Omaha Housing Authority and the committee staff and from which of those possible origins the language came from I cannot tell you at this time.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Landis.