

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Beutler's motion. As you may have noticed in your bill book I was the only member of the committee that voted against advancement of LB 634. It seems to me what we are doing is another attempt to interject government in the affairs of business. Through tax exempt bonds we are going to help finance any business basically, a local barbershop it could be if it happens to locate in a "blighted or substandard area." Now think about what that means. That means that a business that happens to be in a blighted or substandard area or happens to locate in a blighted or substandard area is going to have a definite financial advantage over the business that happens to be on the other side of the street or away from, just out of, but yet in competition with. I cannot believe that this body or that any government body would attempt such blatant help to certain businesses and not to others. It also seems to me that we need to recognize that when we create these types of opportunities to have tax exempt financing, the very term "tax exempt" means somebody else is going to have to pick up the difference. We all recognize the revenue problems that we are having in the State of Nebraska raising funds. Well every time you make an exemption and this is what we are doing, those people that are wealthy enough to invest their funds in tax exempt bonds are going to have an exemption from the income taxes that the average citizen is not going to have which means that they are going to have to pick up the difference or the loss to the government that that tax exemption is made in that other instance. So is it not only unfair to the businesses, businessmen, but it is also unfair to the average taxpayer and I recognize that there are certain areas in the cities where they do have some problems but I certainly don't think that this is a type of a mechanism that we should use to address those types of problems. So I certainly am going to support Senator Beutler in his kill motion.

SENATOR LAMB: Before we continue the debate the Chair would like to recognize the father of Senator Kilgarin, Bradford Kilgarin, sitting under the North balcony. Would you stand and be recognized, sir. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm sure it comes as no surprise that I rise to oppose the kill motion but I think there is a lot of misunderstanding involved in this whole issue and maybe if I could get a little attention or if anybody cares we could maybe shed some light on this proposal. First of all, I don't disagree with Senator Beutler's arguments in terms of the tax loss and the burden that falls on the lower and middle income taxpayers because of the loss of federal...because of the