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This constitutional amendment simply makes it available to some kinds of borrowers who wish to do some type of enterprise or development in a blighted or substandard area, a favorable borrowing policy.

SENATOR LAMB: You have one minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I suggest we go ahead and defeat Senator Beutler's kill motion and then move this bill on.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, I call the question.

SENATOR LAMB: Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote. Debate is not ceased. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, Senators, I only rise to clarify a point here that Senator Chambers tried to make. You recall several weeks ago Senator Chambers said that the mayor of Omaha never discussed the North Freeway with him? And then you recall I got up and stated three different times that the mayor met with him and then you recall Senator Chambers got up and he had total recall of all those meetings. So again I am rising just to tell you that when Senator Chambers speaks it might be with what you call a forked tongue because people have to remind him all the time he conveniently forgets what he wants to. Now I was in my office when I heard him state that the mayor of Omaha vetoed the money for Legal Aid. The reason the mayor of Omaha vetoed the money for Legal Aid Society was this. They are not using the money for the poor whom Senator Chambers is always saying he represents. The money was to be used to fight the North Freeway so what in effect they were doing was saying the taxpayers of Omaha will give the Legal Aid Society the tax dollars to turn around and fight the taxpayers who want the North Freeway. Secondly, Legal Aid Society was really started to help the poor and not causes. We have busing in Omaha today because the Legal Aid Society got involved in busing and the reason I know that is true is I had a young woman that needed a divorce and I called the Legal Aid Society and they said, hey, we're up to our eyeballs in fighting for school busing. We haven't got any more time to take on any other cases. We just don't have the staff. So again, was the Legal Aid money going to help the poor or was it going to help a cause? And that was the mayor's thinking, that if it really went to help individuals that needed legal aid, free legal advice, I don't think he would have vetoed it.