

I want to respond only briefly to the argument that Senator Schmit makes and that is that there is a reason why those areas are blighted and substandard and until those reasons go away development probably won't be forthcoming. That belies what has occurred over time in lots of areas and in lots of neighborhoods that in other states have found effective redevelopment tools. There are lives and deaths of neighborhoods, there is a cycle, they do become blighted and yet not every blighted neighborhood remains that way. They can revive. They can be resuscitated by private enterprise and by personal commitment, and those who have traveled into other cities and who are familiar with the urban growth of other cities know that that is true. You know that you can take an area that is full of warehouses, like the old market area in Omaha and turn it into a bright and attractive commercial area. You know that areas tangential to an innercity can be revived, and perhaps you have seen those stories on 60 Minutes and other news documentaries that indicate that neighborhoods can come back, they can rally and that by personal commitment and by effective governmental incentive can be returned to a healthy state and an attractive state. There is no reason to believe that a blighted or substandard neighborhood has to remain that way, but, in fact, through our own application of urban policy and incentive can be revived, and that is what 706 is all about. I hope that you will pass the committee amendments and that we can talk about the concept of the bill in a little greater particularity.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. First of all, I am going to introduce some people in the north balcony and then come back to you, Senator Landis. From Senator Schmit's District 45 Eighth Graders from St. Mary's School, David City, Nebraska, Mr. Denson, the Principal, and Father Hrdlicka, one sponsor, and there are other sponsors. May we welcome these people to the Unicameral. Senator Landis, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I just want to make a