

on it. I think if we are going to have a bill of this nature, there is no reason why the public shouldn't make that decision. It appears to me that our committee voted it out on that basis. I have in my hands a letter from the City of Grand Island Community Development Agency telling me there are a number of places in Grand Island where we could use this bill to an advantage and I would just say, Chris, that I believe that we ought to have the right to do this in a first class city just as well as in the metropolitan area, and if we have such a situation as Lincoln, if you want to try and take Lincoln out, I think that might be possible, but I would question the constitutionality of taking Lincoln out.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you know I am in kind of a bind. I am going to oppose Senator Beutler's amendment because I don't think it helps my bill one little bit. In fact I think it could have a very adverse effect on it but I do want to say one thing to Senator Beutler and I want to ask Senator Beutler this question because I think this gets to the nub or the hub or the central issue. If Senator Beutler would respond, Chris, if you would....

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Beutler, if you would respond, I have a question and I held up asking the question after I got your attention so the question is simply this. If your amendment carried, would you then support 634?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I would not because I think it represents bad policy.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you. Thank you. That is all I needed. I now have decided that I no longer even have the slightest of dilemmas. I am absolutely unequivocally opposed to Senator Beutler's amendment. It does not add anything to the bill. It will not even save me the important role and desires that we have to try to redevelop the areas of our communities across the state and I might have been a little less opposed to Senator Beutler's amendment if in fact it would buy one modicum of support. The proposal here is intended to kill this bill. For that reason I want to urge my colleagues to oppose this. We need, especially with the absence of federal assistance, we need to have private enterprise help redevelop the older neighborhoods, those areas that need jobs and need redevelopment. Private enterprise is the only game in town anymore and for that reason we do not need...we need this bill very desperately. Senator Beutler's proposal is aimed