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LB 817

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Senator Landis, you know, I have a problem with this, taking this out, and I know that you don't have near the problem I do. My problem...my concern is the smaller communities not having the kind of assistance and this bill is aimed at trying to assist the smaller communities. How do you feel about that concern? Can you....

SENATOR LANDIS: I am willing to accept this amendment in the spirit of trying to improve it. I think ultimately that a city who wants to utilize this should be able to muster the motivation and desire to be able to go out and find the people necessary to declare an area blighted or substandard. I understand your concern. I think it is possible that there may be a borderline situation that the loss of this language may minimize the utilization of the bill, but generally speaking if a community wants to make use of this bill, even without this language they will be able to do so, and for that reason in the spirit of harmony I will agree to accept the amendment.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, I won't oppose this amendment either, but...and the reason I am going to do it is I think that probably we'll see the League of Municipalities providing this kind of assistance and that is a function that they can well provide and in the spirit of trying to get along here I am willing to go along at this time, although....I am willing to go along.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, do you wish to close? No closing. All those in favor of the Beutler amendment will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend in LB 817 by deleting the word "fifty" in line 22 on page 20 and inserting the word "thirty".

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: This change, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, has to do with the number of years...the