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LB 817

SENATOR LANDIS: Do you realize this is the first bill of the day? Now if we don't pass this bill, we will have done nothing today.

SENATOR CLARK: I am glad you said that instead of me.

SENATOR LANDIS: This is the first chance we have had for some positive action here today. We have been on this a long time and I hope the body can tell that my attempt here is to be reasonable, it is an attempt to draw a reasonable utilization of a tool for a public purpose, a governmental purpose. This is not done at the state's cost. It is not done at state expense and it is simply a tool to be utilized to provide capital in this state that would not otherwise be there. One of the facts I want to reiterate is that the tax exempt bond mechanism proves to be in this state a capital magnet and brings to Nebraska money that otherwise would not be here. In the Home Mortgage Finance Act ninety percent of the money...ninety percent of the money attracted to this state to provide mortgages for homeowners in this state came from outside of the State of Nebraska. We are not a capital rich state and yet because of our agricultural needs, our industrial needs, we have need for capital far in excess of our ability to generate it because of our savings in our local financial institutions. We have to look at the rest of the country to provide us with the capital to carry on our business and this is one of those mechanisms that becomes a magnet for money from other parts of the country to come into Nebraska to rejuvenate our neighborhoods, to develop our businesses and to keep our economy strong. I would move the advancement of LB 817.

SENATOR CLARK: We have Senator Beutler next, on the advancement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, doing nothing is not so good but doing one bad thing is worse than doing nothing. Let me ask Senator Landis a question if I may. Senator Landis, assuming that we can get around the substandard or blighted obstacle, and you and I both know that we can without too much trouble, why in Nebraska in the future would any business of any type go anywhere for money except to this fund and to this agency? Let me preface that with another question. Isn't it true that tax exempt financing will always be two or so percentage points cheaper than private money? Isn't that the case?

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me answer both questions. To my