

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: In the hearing that you had on 775, did the City of Omaha testify?

SENATOR BECK: The hearing was held in the Revenue and I...that was...remember that day, Senator, it was a terrible day and there was no one down from the City of Omaha to testify in person.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: My understanding was Fred Conley made it down.

SENATOR BECK: Well, he has obviously talked to Senator Landis, perhaps personally. I...I don't...didn't see him there that day but then you remember this is my first bill and so I was understandably very nervous. (Laughter.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I understand that perfectly. Senator Beck, I guess what I wanted to say, it's my understanding that the Omaha City Council will be meeting today and this is on their agenda to come up with a position on whether they would support or not support. What would your position be on the bill if the City of Omaha voted not to support this particular piece of legislation by a relatively large majority?

SENATOR BECK: Well, I guess if that question were reversed to you, you would probably say it's my bill, it's a direct constituent bill, I need to stand for those people who have asked me to help out their charities. I would have to say that I love the...I love Omaha, I love the City Council members but I would have to still say that I want to go forward with this bill.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Beck, one further question. Would you be amenable to an amendment at a later time that would do the same that you're trying to do for Omaha if we made that across the board?

SENATOR BECK: I would not be...I would be amenable, in other words, I would be willing to negotiate but I have a feeling, in all due respect to the rest of the members of the body, perhaps including yourself, that they might not be willing to negotiate because of the...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And, Senator Beck,...