

house will come to order, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: The various projects that have been identified and the activities, it seems to be that is where the thrust of the legislation is. Many of the small communities would not accumulate enough monies concentrated in such a fashion to address any particular change in terms of their activities for visitor improvement activities of such. And it is not an unknown activity or precedence in this body as we followed LB 775, we heard the debate relative to the uniqueness of Douglas County, the population density, the concentration is there, the kinds of activities that support a metropolitan area such as we've heard from Senator Hall and others that have spoken in support of this legislation. I think it would...I agree, it would be of great value to the City of Omaha to be able to have these types of funds to take some of the things they already have on board, as we look at the Henry Doorly Zoo and Rosenblatt and other kinds of focused activities and facilities that they already have, they need improvement. And I would not want to position myself in such a way that we would not provide a vehicle for them to be supported in this manner, but in most cases, from my discussion with other people, that is where the focus would be and I think that they deserve that. I would...with the adoption of my amendment, I would support the legislation. But I think we're in a situation where we ought to look at this concentration, provide them with that support, but limit it to the Douglas County area. So, with that, I offer my amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Conway. Discussion on the Conway amendment? Senator Schmit, would you care to discuss it?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I understand, of course, where Senator Conway is coming from. I guess the question that I raise, Senator Conway, is that if we adopt your amendment, that does not preclude those of us who live outside of the City of Omaha or Douglas County from contributing if we happen to use the facilities in Douglas County, does it not?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If it is limited to Douglas County in its application then those of us who reside outside of Douglas County, but use the facilities in Douglas County, will, of course, still no doubt contribute to the fund, is that not