

special assessment against the property. That becomes a lien which can then be collected in a manner provided by law for the collection of a special assessment. This bill would allow the cities to exercise an additional alternative method of recovering costs. The city would proceed directly against the owner of the...in a civil action before any court of competent jurisdiction. The bill would reduce the time factor and ensure a better recovery of the bill. It simply provides the cities with an additional alternative to take care of property that has been declared vacant. So, with that, I'd just simply ask for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. If there's no further discussion, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Hartnett, you want me to do anything about it, or let it go? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 964.

PRESIDENT: LB 964 advances. LB 966. May I just say, ladies and gentlemen, unless we have a little better attendance, maybe we better knock it off. But I don't want to tell you what to do, but apparently we should really stick around a little better, otherwise we're not going to advance very far today. LB 966, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 966, a bill introduced by Senator Wehrbein. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to introduce this bill on behalf of Senator Wehrbein and it gives me an opportunity to redeem myself in his eyes after I voted against this priority bill yesterday. He told me that when he brought it to me this morning. LB 966 makes a small change, but a significant change for Nebraska City. Nebraska City is the only city municipality in the state operating under the commission form of government. And the history on that is that when Nebraska City elected three council members, the two-thirds majority vote was workable. However, since that time they now have changed and they have five council