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LB 656

Senator Nelson has no concerns, I'm not going to do anything to try to hold up 656. But I cannot vote to add this amendment which could result in two subjects being in the bill. Right at this moment, having just gotten the amendment, I cannot honestly say, one way or the other, but there is a question in my mind.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Question for Senator Abboud.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Abboud, this is strictly permissible for the city of the first class. But was there not some kind of concern afterward that the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging is actually meeting those kinds of needs of the senior citizens in our Eastern Nebraska Office of Aging?

SENATOR ABBLOUD: I think, I think the funding itself is available through that agency. And I would think that a city would just prefer to go through that agency. But some cities across the state, actually a large majority of first class cities, are currently doing this. And I don't know why they would want to use their funds. But, you know, it's available, they're doing it right now, and...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Um-huh.

SENATOR ABBLOUD: ...that's what at least the city in my district will do if this should pass.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Was this kind of, though, to force cities to do it? I mean, would they have any obligation over and above the Eastern Nebraska Office of Aging support?

SENATOR ABBLOUD: No. No.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR ABBLOUD: Um-huh.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please, followed by Senator Smith.