

45-104. They have brought the bill to the Legislature saying we understand that if we're delinquent we will have to pay that, but before the due process, before the time when our payment is still up, it's still timely, has to be paid, we would hope that you would allow us an opportunity to ask the county board to afford the county board, because that's who this gives authority to, to set a rate lower than that 14 percent. That is all it does. And what you will see happen is there was support testimony on the part of Sarpy County to the effect that they supported this bill. They said we want to see these kinds of things take place. What we will do is pass on the cost of the bond at whatever we're able to acquire it at. More than likely, I'm sure, any administrative cost that they may have which will probably be very little would also be added on. It is not mandatory. It does allow them to take a look at this. If they choose to set it at 14 percent they can set it at 14 percent but they can't go beyond that. It does not affect the delinquency rate. It only affects the rate at which they charge when the payment is timely and due, so I appreciate the discrepancy there, but because I looked at it exactly the same way Senator Beutler did when, at first blush, it came before the committee. What it does I think is, help the counties pave some roads through the use of a special assessment. It allows landowners who are paying those assessment to pay at a fair rate that basically will amount to the market rate. The delinquency rate found in 45-104 will remain the same. I would urge the body to advance this bill from General File on to Select.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Now I will recognize Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. This may be a little bit of carpet bombing explanation from the Revenue Committee, but I rise to join my chairman in explaining LB 63 to the body and telling you why I think it is a sensible policy. The whole bill is found on page 3 and it changes one sentence of existing law. To understand this change there are three dates to keep in mind. The assessment levy, then there is a 50-day period until the due date. During that time, in that sentence, no interest is charged. Then there is a second date, the due date of the assessment. There then runs a second period of time until the third date which is the delinquency date. Under current law the delinquency rate applies not only once it becomes delinquent, but it also applies unfortunately when it becomes due. Now the period between the due date and the delinquency date is not a