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deal with this bill as it impacts on my area back in Sarpy County without dealing with any of the problems that impact on the local school districts. If anybody has any questions about what those are, I will get into them. But I will just simply say that I think this amendment is...allows me to do with this bill what I originally intended without bringing the additional baggage of the battles in Columbus and Grand Island and Hastings, dealing with school district annexation. So, with that, I would support the Urban Affairs Committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on the amendments? Seeing none, do we have a closing? No closing, so we will proceed to vote on the committee amendments to LB 76. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the amendments? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the Urban Affairs Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendments are adopted. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, and members, LB 76 is a bill that deals with the concept of industrial areas, county industrial tracts, I don't know what the official term is for them at this particular point. These are areas that have been established by county governments for the purpose of promoting economic development, industrial development. The county will set up an area. They will then develop it and sell it to businesses for location in a county. One of the advantages to the businesses has been that the statute prohibits cities, municipalities from annexing those areas. And it may have been fine and it may have been a reasonable sort of decision back when an industrial area was set up way out in a county zoning jurisdiction. But what has happened now is a lot of cities...and I will talk specifically City of LaVista, probably didn't even exist back when the Sarpy County industrial tract was established, has now grown and they find that they are in the need of providing services. They are in the need of building roads out to that area, providing police protection, fire protection, all of those other sorts of things. But they find themselves prohibited by state statute from annexing that area. And it's kind of interesting that a group of developers over here will make an agreement with a county board over here and the agreement says that this third entity, the city, can