

Abboud explained. I couldn't see why we needed to clutter up the statutes with another law when it's permissive anyhow and my question was of Senator Abboud, and I think he partially explained it, but I'm still questioning whether the bill is needed at all. I certainly thought that my city had plenty of privileges to contract or to ask for programs or services or so on. I didn't think it was a major problem at all, but maybe it is. Do you want to respond, Senator Abboud? I just...it's permissive and what's wrong now with programs for the elderly or for the needy or so on and the various agencies to do it? Maybe it is a fact that the city themselves do it instead of another agency. Answer that for me, would you please?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, I will, Senator Nelson. Yes, first class cities are doing it. Is it legal? Is it authorized by state statute? No, it is not, and so it's actually illegal. If someone wanted to file an action against a first class city stating that you should not be giving the money to them, yes, they would win that lawsuit. It is not authorized. But it is currently going on with cities, as it is in Grand Island, so...

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Senator Abboud.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Does anyone else wish to debate this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Abboud? Closing is waived. We'll proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 810. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the advancement of LB 810? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 810 is advanced. LB 159.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 159 was introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 11 of this year. It was referred to the Banking Committee. They report the bill to General File with no committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, this starts a run of about four bills that deal