

opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, there is obviously not enough interest in this. Let's move on.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, the amendment is withdrawn. I am sorry. Excuse me, please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 9 nays, Madam President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails.

CLERK: Madam President, the last amendment I have at this time is by Senator Beutler. Senator, amendment, "On page 14 delete all the language...et cetera." (See FA108 on page 1739 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, all of the amendments to this bill to date have been small in nature and somewhat technical and corrective. This one is not, however. It goes to what I think is a matter of important philosophy in this particular bill because I think that the provision that I will be talking about will have a profound effect. But the provision that I am talking about is in Section 17 of the bill, which appears on page 13, and, basically, in Section 17, as Senator Hartnett has already pointed out to you, it puts caps on the amount of money that the voters can put in place on an economic development plan. In other words, it takes power away from the voters with regard to how much money they can put into an economic development plan. It has two kinds of caps. One cap, it says that it shall not be in excess of 4/10ths of 1 percent of the actual valuation of the city, and that cap applies equally to cities of all types. So it is a general uniform cap based upon actual valuation. But then it comes along and puts a second cap on, and the second cap distinguishes Omaha and Lincoln from the rest of the state, and it says with regard to Omaha and Lincoln that there shall be an additional cap of \$3 million; and with regard to the rest of the state, first and second class cities and villages, they can raise up to a million dollars a year each year. What my amendment would do would be to eliminate the second cap but not the first cap, and by that I mean it would retain the cap of 4/10ths of 1 percent of actual valuation, but do away with the