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LB 624, 652

SENATOR MOORE: I would just move the advancement of all but Section...Section 25, which will be voted on separately. So I just move the advancement of the other sections.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. We will now vote on this motion, adoption of the committee amendments, all except Section 25. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the Appropriations Committee amendments less Section 25.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Motion is approved. Senator Coordsen. Senator Moore. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, now we have to move Section 25, which is the capital environs portion of the bill. Actually this is the result of LB 624 that was brought before the committee, introduced by Senator Warner. And basically what this is is over on 17th and J Street, if you happen to go out the east door tonight, in the parking lot...towards the parking lot, if you look straight out the east door, down a block past 17th Street, you'll look right into a brick facade, which I am not going to describe as ugly, I think it's something less than attractive, let's put it that way. And what this is attempting to do, and what the committee is recommending, the original bill, there was two lots, the Kennard addition, 602 South 17th, and 610 South 17th, as well as the Hampton, which is actually on J Street. The original bill would have purchased all of those. Actually what the committee amendment does, at the level described in the bill, buys the property on 602 South 17th, which is the north building, which is directly visible when you walk out the Capitol, it would purchase that building, and the building behind it, the Hampton. Now the Hampton property actually goes back into the alley, and it would be our intent and the understanding with DAS that they would resell the back part of the Hampton property, back to the owner of the 610 South 17th property. So, as a result, if you adopt this amendment we'd only purchase from 17th Street back to the alley, adjacent to J Street, that property, the only intent of those buildings being razed and not the development of a park, only razing those buildings, and the cost of razing those buildings is included in these projects, and then it would be an open vista when you come out the east door. I remember those words, vista, from my last class I took in college, landscape appreciation. So, with that,