CLERK: No, sir.

SENATOR HALL: Is there any discussion on the advancement of the bill? Seeing none, Senator Crosby, to close. She waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 36 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The call is raised. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 36.

SENATOR HALL: LB 36 is advanced. Next item on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 196, introduced by Senator Maurstad. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hartnett, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Hall and members of the body, I'll give a short summary of what the bill does. It simply would allow consent requirements for city grade changes in first class cities and we remove ambiguous requirements of creation of improvement districts when capital improvement projects are fully funded from public sources in second class cities and villages. Section 1 of the bill amends Section 16-615 which deals with the procedure for change of (inaudible) to establish grade of a street, avenue or valley, or any part of in the city of the first class. The legislation would eliminate the current requirement that grade not be changed without the consent in writing of the owners of the majority of front footage of all the lots abutting the street or portion of the street whose grades is being changed. It retains the requirement that no change in grade proceed without damage have been determined under the eminent domain statutes. The section (sic) part of the bill amends the Section 17-90...1509 which deals with the permissive municipal improvement projects that may be undertaken by second class cities and villages and the manner which they are financed. Current statutory language is ambiguous as to whether or not the municipality is obligated to create appropriate improvement districts even though the municipality may use the authority to pay for the improvement out of a