

general municipal fund without specifying assessment costs against benefit property owners. That's basically what the bill does. What our committee amendments did with regard...I think the committee had trouble with the...the bill struck the replacement...owner consent language, which was stricken from the original bill, with language ensuring that owners of the land abutting on a street whose grade is proposed to change would be notified well in advance of any final action to approve the change, providing them an opportunity to make their wishes heard before the grade change is finalized. Since the grade change is accomplished by adoption of municipal ordinance, the committee requirements would require the city clerk to mail notice to each affected landowner at his or her address that appears in the office of the registrar of deeds, postmarked at least 21 days prior to the date upon which the council takes final action to approve the ordinance changing the grade of the street. The notice would be sent by regular U.S. state mail, postage prepaid, and would be required to contain information on the nature of the proposed grade change, that the fact of the final action on the change by the city council is pending, and where additional information can be obtained. Proposed...change proposed in Section 2 are intended primarily for purpose of clarification. Amended in line 22 on page 3 make it clear that with regard to all of the list project, either special assessment or public funding or permissible alternative sources of financing. On page 4, line 4 an unnecessary "and" is deleted and additional language added to clarify the meaning. And, with that, it's kind of a short explanation of the bill and what we've done. We had trouble in the committee without notice, and so if Senator Maurstad would want some of my time on the committee amendments, he is free to use it.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hartnett waives closing on the committee amendments. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 196. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR HALL: Committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir.