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property to pay for improvements in water, sewer, streets. And under current law the county treasurer bills and collects for these special assessments to these municipalities. And so what this bill does is just allow them to go directly through their, their own city or village. In 1983, cities of the metropolitan, the primary, and the first class cities were given this opportunity. So what we're doing is just trying to streamline and also give this opportunity to cities of the second class, which is a population, they have a population of between eight hundred and five thousand, and villages, a population of below eight hundred. It simply, LB 962 simply allows the municipality to collect the assessment. It does not require it. So if they want to continue to have the county treasurer do this, they certainly may. Again, I think it promotes efficiency and it does, it could possibly have an impact on local subdivisions because it could increase the revenues of these cities and villages and the amount, of course, would...of the increase would depend on the number of collections that they were especially assessing. So, again, I think it's an efficiency bill. And if you have any questions I'd be happy to answer those.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Stuhr, you may fool most of the people but you're not going to fool me on this one. I know exactly what this bill is. This is a women's liberation bill. You're showing your liberalism again. You don't need to respond to this, but this was a male law, m-a-l-e. And if you go to page 3, if anybody wants to check, on line, oh, I think it's fifteen, you'll note that the, what made it a male bill, the word "his" is being stricken to make it a neuter bill. And, you know, I just want the record to show that, once again, Senator Stuhr is showing her closet liberal tendencies by taking a male bill and neutering it right here on the floor on consent calendar. But I will support the bill because I also have those tendencies from time to time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. There is five minutes remaining on the bill. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Stuhr, I just...is this a mandatory or a permissive legislation?