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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 623 to E & R for initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 623.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 623 advances. LB 740.

CLERK: LB 740, Mr. President, by the Urban Affairs Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending. (AM0820, Legislative Journal page 1140.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee, Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this bill deals with sanitary improvement districts. It changes the provisions dealing with election and qualification of SID board trustees and provides authority for corporate membership and representation on SID boards. It is aimed at the problem in the current law regarding the ability for corporate or business entity owners of land to qualify as such for membership on SID board of trustees. Voting for an SID board members is conducted not on the basis of one-to-one person vote but based on property ownership. Additionally, those who serve as members of the board of trustees for SIDs must be owners of real estate in the district. This problem addresses...rises because land can be owned by entities other than individual persons: corporations, partnerships, estates, trusts and so forth. While there is no problem to allow these entities to cast vote for members of the board of trustees, there's no current statutory mechanism which allows these entities to actually serve as members of the board of trustees. Only individual persons can serve. If a corporation or entity attempts to designate a representative to serve on the board, that person cannot serve because he is not owner of real estate located in the district. It is the corporation which is the owner. This legislation attempts to resolve the matter by specifically allowing corporations and