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LB 626, 639

LB 626. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 626.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 626 does advance. Mr. Clerk, LB 639.

CLERK: LB 639, introduced by Senator Hudkins. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 19, referred to Transportation, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0443, Legislative Journal page 562.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins, to open on LB 639.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the board (sic). What this bill does, it ensures that if there is a proposed beltway that has been approved following all of the expensive planning and study, including an examination of its anticipated environmental impact, if that corridor receives protection similar to that already...to that enjoyed by the state, doing so will prevent such a project from being obstructed by subsequent development of an area that the beltway has been planned to traverse. In other words, around Lincoln, for example, there is talk of a south beltway and an east beltway. It takes a lot of planning and engineering to determine the course for that beltway. Once that is done, there is nothing that would stop anyone from developing a huge housing development or a commercial enterprise. And so this bill would just ensure that once that beltway area has been designated, that it is protected. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. There are committee amendments, as stated by the Clerk. Senator Baker, as Chairman of the committee, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, President Cudaback, members of the body. The committee amendment simply clarifies that once this beltway has been designated by a county or a municipality, that that county or municipality will assume the duty of what had typically been the Department of Roads' to provide a map and so