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public hearing and reasonable notice, as Senator Chambers will discuss, provides accurate protection for the citizen, with the intention...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you...

SENATOR FLOOD: ...of getting them to work together. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of AM0744, Senator Mines, followed by Senator Redfield and others.

SENATOR MINES: Mr. President, thank you, colleagues. Senator Flood is making wonderful arguments, and really this discussion about LB 217 is what I think is critical. It's being amended a bit and we're carving out a few issues, but it's important that today we move LB 217 along. Senator Brown, nail on the head that this was about...when the bill was brought, and our discussion centered around, the cooperation between schools and cities and counties in the building of facilities, in the building of buildings, joint libraries, all those things that can save taxpayers money in the long run and that make local government more efficient, and that was our goal. As a matter of practice, NRDs don't typically build buildings that people can go into, although there are some nice ones around the state. And then, when Senator Beutler offered LB (sic) 744, which would reenact and bring back the NRDs but for the Papio NRD, I agreed to his proposal. Certainly there are issues in Washington County about the taking of property of a few and the right of and the power of eminent domain to serve the many that probably doesn't need to be done to the extent that they're doing it right now. The study that that NRD is using was...I believe it was 1969 when it was completed, and they're still using that same premise. And certainly I'm not an expert, but I've got to believe things have changed in that since 1969. So I support the amendment, I support AM0614, absolutely support LB 217 and hope we can move this on yet this morning. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Redfield.