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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you yield?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: And Senator Jensen, if this had come up on General File, I wouldn't ask you this on the mike. But I look at the committee statement for LB 474, and I see where the city of Omaha testified in a neutral capacity. Could you articulate for us the concerns or the reason they testified in neutral, what they expressed at the hearing?

SENATOR JENSEN: The day I introduced this bill, I needed to get back to my committee. So I really did not hear their testimony. However, we have met with them and also Douglas County and others, and they did not oppose this amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: I'm sorry, Senator Jensen. I thought it went to the Health Committee. Maybe I'll ask a question of Senator Schimek,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you...

SENATOR BOURNE: ...if she would yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...yield? You may go on.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. Senator Schimek, I see this bill, LB 474, went to your...the committee of which you're Chair. And I see...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The Government Committee?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: All right.

SENATOR BOURNE: And I see where the city of Omaha testified in a neutral capacity. Now, again, I had mentioned to Senator Jensen I wouldn't even ask if this didn't come up on Select File, but I'm curious, can you indicate what...the reason that they testified in a neutral capacity, or the comments regarding