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parcels of property, quite a number of parcels of property, that have substantial front footage, but have very little value. And it seemed to me peculiar that we would allow the property owners of land that has virtually no value to have so much leverage in that kind of a voting arrangement. So anyway, we've worked through this issue and we now have AM1343, which provides that the city would be required to send written notification to the property owners, with a statement of the benefits that they could expect to receive from the new district, and an estimate of the costs that they would have to assume, if the district went forward. And then their votes would be valued based on the cost that they would have to incur, if the district were formed. So I think the amendment is a substantial improvement to the bill, and again, I want to express my appreciation to Senators Beutler and Price for working with me on this, and to Bill Stadtwald, legal counsel to the Urban Affairs Committee. And with that, I'd ask you to return the bill to Select, so that we could take up that amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. You've heard the motion...opening on a motion to return. Open for discussion. Senator Foley, there are no lights on. You are recognized to close on your motion to return. He waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 161 be returned for a specific amendment? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is, shall LB 161 be returned for a specific amendment? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Mr. Clerk, read the amendment, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Foley would offer AM1343.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Foley, to open on AM1343.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, again, Mr. President. Again, this is the amendment that we've worked up with the city of Lincoln, and Senators Price and Beutler, and I'd ask for your favorable