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LB 500

SENATOR LANDIS: Ask away.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator Landis, on the original LB 500, I had filed an amendment dealing with eminent domain and its use, and the lobby was comfortable with that amendment. The amendment that you had filed earlier actually struck everything on all the amendments thereto, and I haven't had a chance to wind my way all the way through this. Is that in there? And if it is not, would there be any objection to us doing that by Select File?

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me tell you what the eminent domain language in this amendment says. Would I entertain a thought? Of course, I would. Would I endorse language I haven't seen for a year? No, I wouldn't, but I'd certainly talk. Here's what this amendment says. It prohibits the use of eminent domain to acquire property that will ultimately be transferred to a private party.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Oh.

SENATOR LANDIS: What we're not going to do is take land from one person, then have some private developer create an opportunity and turn around and give them the land that we took from somebody, pass it through city hands, and gave it to a private developer. That's the prohibition that appears in this amendment. You may want to go further or whatever, but that's at least...that's the step that's in this language.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Landis. That was exactly my concern and I appreciate your addressing it in the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Landis, you're recognized.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure Senator Brashear was given a sufficient amount of time and I wanted to start my remarks by yielding whatever time he needs to continue with his disquisition. I'll take it back and make some summary comments about LB 500.