

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

April 10, 2006      LR 272

Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Just wanted to point out that I do...I am in favor of AM3147. The discussions in our Executive Sessions and during hearings were quite extensive. What Senator Connealy is approaching here, there was a lot of research and understanding...a lot of research put into it and understanding gathered based on the hearing, and I think what we dealt with in our Executive Sessions. Vice Chairman of the committee, regarding this issue, I think he's got a fairly decent grasp of it. And as has already been pointed out, we think it creates clarifying language. Senator Landis pointed that out. But it's also important--and we brought this up in the hearings and also in Executive Sessions, that we are moving a heck of a lot closer with language like this, to do with TIF what it was originally intended to be. I mean, we said that in the hearing. I even pointed out to Senator Landis, is, when the state building issue came up, is this is what it's for. And like we've already established, we're cutting through what we would consider to be some of the double standard in regard to TIF. With that, I think it's a good idea. We're removing the "hide-the-ball" approach to TIF, and we're adding a new attitude toward revitalization. So with that, I would promote the advancement of AM3147, eventually AM2184, and the legislative...LR 272. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. On with discussion. Senator Flood, followed by Senator Stuthman and others.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I want to thank Senator Landis for bringing LR 275CA and Senator Connealy for working the amendment into LR 272CA. I appreciate the discussion, and I'm going to support both the amendment and the underlying bill. This isn't just a Norfolk issue. This is a statewide issue. Nebraska, the state of Nebraska, is famous for not maintaining its buildings, and especially those buildings that are no longer in service. We essentially let an asset that has some value deteriorate to the level that it becomes a superior liability for the state of Nebraska. You may remember