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long as the protection is there.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Would you wait, then, on your amendment? Put it on Select File at that point, if it has no effect, then we could go ahead with it off of General File without it.

SENATOR MURPHY: If that is your wish, yes.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Thank you sir.

PRESIDENT: What do you wish done with your amendment, Senator Murphy?

SENATOR MURPHY: I would ask to bracket it only this body has no authority to bracket anything. So I will ask that it be set to a date certain, namely the date this bill appears on Select File.

PRESIDENT: The amendment has been offered. Are you asking for unanimous consent to withdraw, Senator Murphy? The amendment has been offered. Do you ask for unanimous consent to withdraw?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, that would probably clean it up. I withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? Seeing none, the amendment is withdrawn. Senator Luedtke, do you want to proceed on the bill?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, sir. I will now make the motion that LB 139 be advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as we have just indicated, LB 139 is a bill which attempts to clarify the enabling legislation for the city-county health department of primary cities which is and only concerns the city of Lincoln. It merely clarifies the language which sets forth the services where a third party, and in this case as I mentioned before we are talking about Medicare, is available and provides that the personnel standards, and this is what it is really applying to, personnel standards for employees shall be those of the city and shall conform, here's the federal requirement, shall conform to the federal merit systems standards and it just merely allows the enabling act for the city-county health department for a primary city, which is Lincoln, to do this.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Chairman, I rise for information and to impart what I understand this whole procedure is about. As a member of the Committee, a man by the name of Mr. Nelson appeared and presented the bill and closed the bill and it's obviously nothing more in the Nebraska statutes than some type of a bridge from federal money to spend it in Lincoln, Lancaster, and I agree with all that but what I don't agree with is that the state of Nebraska in its statutes direct particular certain things that must be done in the city of Lincoln. Now the city of Lincoln has property tax base to run its city and the state of Nebraska, through statute, directs exactly what the city of Lincoln will do and they have absolutely no say other than to follow this statute. Senator Murphy's point of a budget being set by the county has got a lot of merit but we must be extremely careful in accepting that amendment in that we may do something that somebody has agreed to down the line someplace. I am sure that we do this procedure often but it certainly doesn't