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line up in my thinking on what state statute is and I would like to have comments from anybody that could shed light on why the special legislation, why the special instructions for a health director, why should he have the power to hire people that he needs, why should he need all of these requirements in the state law of Nebraska. That would be the question I would put to the introducer or to the committee.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes--Senator Murphy's light was one. Were you directing the question for information of Senator Luedtke?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I would request that of the introducer or the committee. Any enlightenment in the area of why we specifically direct the specific things, spending taxpayers money in Lincoln, and then write them in the state statute?

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy, I am going to ask Senator Luedtke to respond first. Senator.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it's simple. It's an enabling act. This is the enabling act. The statutes are replete with them. If you can figure out some way to deal with the federal government without setting up enabling acts for all of our federal-state relations, and I deal--I am on the inter-governmental relations committee and we deal--of the national legislative conference and we deal with this regularly. I suppose maybe half of our law books across this country in all state legislatures are filled with just this sort of thing. If you can work out a way, Senator Kelly, to avoid the requirement of the federal government that there be enabling legislation statewide. In other words, every city of a primary class has to follow this kind of a law. Now in Nebraska, obviously, we only have one primary city so it only applies to Lincoln. If there were two or three or four, it would apply to every one of them that set up such a city-county health unit. The federal government insists that there be state legislation to enable such a local political subdivision as a city or a county or a combination to do the job. Now it certainly would be wonderful and I'd be the first to agree, Senator Kelly, if we could technically get away from setting forth these enabling acts. We could surely reduce the size of our statute books. We could get rid of an awful lot of work in this legislative body but I don't know how we are going to do it and take advantage of the programs that are coming down the pipe by the federal government.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Speaking to that particular facet, I would call to Senator Luedtke's attention that the section struck under which we have been operating made no mention of the director setting a budget and this is why I question this particular one and I would further address myself to that motion. It has been suggested and I accept the suggestion of Senator Barnett to ask that the amendment be printed in the Journal and I will not ask for its adoption at this time but printed in the Journal so that it will be available to everyone.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? The question is shall LB 139 be advanced to E & R Initial. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.