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PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to return LB 248 to Select File for specific amendment which is attached hereto. Signed Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President and members of the body, several days ago I placed on your desks the copy of the amendment along with the letter from the Nebraska League of Municipalities, a letter addressed to you from the Chairman of that Board of Directors, the Councilwoman from the City of Omaha. During the debate of this issue, there was oftentimes mentioned of whether or not we were usurping the powers of local government in terms of rules and regulations that were more strict than the bill presently calls for. The amendment that we have inserted, that I am requesting to be inserted allows the cities or municipalities who so desire to within thirty days after the board and the rules and regulations have been established to denote that those cities desire to have an ordinance and a code which is more stringent than that presently allowed in the bill. I ask your consideration to move the bill to Select File for the purpose of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to oppose the effort to return LB 248 to Select File for specific amendment. I will say one thing. I will give the opponents to the bill in its present form an "E" for effort and I am absolutely certain that Senator Koch feels he is doing the right thing on this effort. I would like to point out a few reasons why you should not return this bill to Select File. First, I would like, if you will turn to your Final Reading copy of LB 248, to point out a few key sections that are in the bill now, and incidentally, I would like to point out that the bill is in its original form for all intents and purposes. Certainly the key sections to which reference has been made are in the original form as it was introduced and that form, of course, the League of Nebraska Municipalities did not even choose to take a position so apparently they had no opposition at that time. Now if you will turn to page 3 beginning at line 15, you will see a section that has been reinserted. The standards adopted by the Department, and that is the Department of Health for the uniform standards for modular housing, not to be confused with mobile homes, shall include provisions including requirements reasonably consistent with recognized and accepted standards published by the Building Officials Conference of American, the International Conference of Building Officials, the International Association of Plumbing and Electrical Officials, the National Bureau of Standards, United States Department of Housing, Urban Development or combinations thereof applying to manufactured housing, and I think that there is not a person in this room that would say that these are not anything else but the accepted standards, modified by