

These amendments are basically some cleanup amendments to this very important bill. And first of all, it deletes some unnecessary cross references in the bill. Secondly, there is some clarifying language in the collection fee to ensure that collection fees on SID special assessments are not affected by increase in bill from one to one and a half percent. The SID special assessment collection fees are currently 2% under present statutes as interpreted by Douglas and Sarpy County Treasurers. The collection fee increase in the bill is meant to apply to municipal special assessments and, thirdly, this is one important part of the bill, it does in this section requiring the notice that property taxes or special assessments are due and add that the required notice may be sent to the lending institution or other party that is responsible for paying of the taxes and this is in cases where the actual property owner does not pay them. This is an important addition, we believe, to this bill that we have held and studied and worked into this year. I have visited with Senator Peterson on this bill and I believe that he is in agreement that these amendments are beneficial to the bill and helpful to it and I would move for the adoption of these amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Peterson, did you wish to speak on the amendments?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Well I just rise to support the amendments and tell you that the League of Municipalities has no objections to it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you wish to close, Senator Carsten? If not, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Carsten's amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: They are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Howard Peterson or Senator Carsten, which one of you wish to talk to the bill, either one of you? Is there any further discussion on the bill? If not, the question is, shall 391 advance. All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. It is advanced. We are going to skip LB 302. Senator Carsten tells me they are still working on the amendments so we will grant him that privilege. LB 204.