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entire story is that according to FHA requirements there must be a certain footage to a lot in the front before you can qualify for FHA coverage for house building purposes. A lot of the lots in Omaha out in the area where I live are too small for that purpose. So perhaps it would be necessary to allow the purchase of blocks of land for replatting but if this is done then it should be specified that it's only for the purpose of developing housing, not for commercial interest, not for riverfront development, not for high-rise which is known in some circles as urban renewal but as we know in practice, it's black removal, poor people removal, unrepresented people removal and as far as Senator Goodrich's offer of assurance that justice will be done by the governing body determining which areas declared decadent. When you have a City Council which does not represent the people but a small group of people who are not about to declare the area decadent, I wouldn't have confidence in any declaration by the City Council. This bill is not to develop the city. It is not to improve housing. It is designed to be a windfall for real estate developers and land speculators and I venture to say that if you look at who is supporting the bill you will not find one individual who lives in one of these areas which would be called blighted as I do. I don't want the developer to do that. If the government at the state, city, or national level is interested in improving the life style of the people in these blighted areas by giving assistance to improving housing, that would be different. This is not a housing bill. This is not a neighborhood development bill. This is not an urban renewal bill. This is a speculator's dream. I don't think the bill ought to be advanced.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis. Stand by, Senator Goodrich, you have seven people who want to speak here. Let's..I'll tell you what. Senator Lewis, would you yield the floor to take up this motion here to see if that might dissipate some of the argument here.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Ya, I have a comment I would like to make before I yield the floor.

SPEAKER: Go ahead. Senator Lewis, go ahead with your comment.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that there are some serious problems in exempting property from the tax rolls. I think all of us have seen that every county has the same problem with people wanting to exempt property from the tax rolls and it's simple mathematics. The more you exempt the higher the price that those still on the rolls pay and you know it seems every one of these proposals for exemptions have some following with some groups but the ultimate result is always the same. Whatever is left, you have to apply a mill levy to in order to get the revenues necessary and I think we need to consider exemption of property and narrowing the tax base every time because it does what many of you have been complaining about throughout this session so far. As you keep saying, well, taxes are going up, taxes are going up and the one sure way to make sure that everybody that's still on the tax rolls increases his taxes is when you narrow the tax base and that's exactly what we're going to do and I think we have a history of that. So, I would think we would approach this very carefully and I would support some of the other earlier concepts made is who are we giving the tax break to. Is it to the residents of a blighted area. I suspect that's not true.

SPEAKER: The chair would like to intervene at this point to point out that seated in the south balcony this morning we have now been joined by 55 students from the Meadow Lane elementary school in Lincoln and, of course, they are represented by Senator Barnett. We are delighted to have you here visiting us this morning. Thank you for coming. I know a considerable amount of effort goes in to lining up the buses in order to take a group like this down to visit the unique