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dedicated to public use and providing access to navigable streams or rivers and streams, it just defines what is meant by channels in the bill. I move that the committee amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER: Is there further discussion of the committee amendments, any further discussion of the committee amendments, the question is shall the amendments be adopted, all those in favor say aye, those opposed say no, so ordered the committee amendments are adopted. Senator Cavanaugh we are back to you.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the body, the basic intent of LB 245 is to expand the powers of sanitary improvement districts to permit them to construct public waterways, docks, wharfs, and related appurtenances in addition to the facilities that they are, under present law permitted to construct within the SID's. This bill was requested by the city of Omaha, and will have, is necessitated to advance the river front development project, and I would move the advancement of the bill to E&R for initial.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of Senator Kremer's, excuse me, Senator Cavanaugh's bill, Senator Murphy did you wish to be recognized, and then Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR MURPHY: Sometime ago it was mentioned that on this floor we so often get only the affirmative side and I note that Senator Lewis objected and I think it would be considerable help if this body were aware of what the specific objections might have been based upon before it takes upon itself to make a decision.

SPEAKER: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Will Senator Cavanaugh yield to a question please? John I haven't read the thing, I'm sorry, but what would this do to the to SID's as they now operate, I realize the reason for this once this is done, but would this also give some broad authorities to existing SID's which are now subject to quite a bit of criticism by the people who have to pay the SID levy?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: This would in no way affect the powers of SID's other than to allow the construction of public water ways, docks, and wharfs. It does nothing else to the current SID law, it pertains to those SID's our governmental subdivisions that created by statute that are strictly limited by statute, their powers can not exceed those granted to them in the statute, as far as constructing now they're permitted to install electric service lines, conduits, sewer systems, water systems, public roads, streets, and highways, and this would add to that to include water ways, docks, and wharfs. Other than that there is no other effect on present SID law.

SENATOR DICKINSON: In your opinion in your consultation with those who want to introduce, it would not extend, it would extend powers as I listen to it, to the existing SIDs or future SIDs that would be out in a residential development for instance, that they might, put more obligation on the people who are paying the SID levies.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well it wouldn't have any effect in what we general consider residential areas, because you wouldn't be constructing docks, wharfs, or water ways, in residential areas.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill? The question is shall LB 245 be, Senator Murphy?

SENATOR MURPHY: I don't believe Senator Lewis has given us the expression of the descending vote on this issue. I had asked Senator Lewis to give expression to this body on the occasion for his opposing this voting committee.