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SENATOR SIMPSON: As long as the....

SENATOR BARNETT: That's all I want to know.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Oh, you don't want to know anymore. OK.

SENATOR BARNETT: That's all I want to know about that.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the amendment? The question is shall the amendment be adopted. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. So ordered. The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: An additional amendment from Senator Schmit. On line 17, strike "shall" and include "may". On Page 3, on line 22, strike "shall" and insert "may". On Page 3.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I move the adoption of the amendment. I believe that Senator Simpson has pointed out that I did not catch this in my original amendment and that it is necessary in order to make the bill workable and I move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? The question is shall the amendment be adopted. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. So ordered. The amendment is adopted. Any other amendments for the bill?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Very good. Now on to 273 as amended. Senator Simpson, what is your pleasure?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I move to advance LB 273 to E & R for Review. I think the important part in this bill is the fact that you can have a tenant on a Housing Authority and I have seen how well it has worked out in Lincoln, whether it has been legal or illegal that I think that they should have this opportunity throughout the state if they so wish to put them on, and then the one other important part to me is that we should get the governing body of the subdivision with a little backbone by saying that when the people are appointed by the Executive Officer that they shall confirm the appointments. That way they have something to do with the Authority and can no longer say, "don't talk to us because we have nothing to do with it. We don't even confirm the people". So, I think this is important that we have people involved that are representatives around the city by the districts and that they can then have someone to talk to.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney, do you wish to be heard on the bill?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Simpson a question or two.

SPEAKER: Senator Simpson, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Does this Housing Authority decide what the rent shall be that the tenant shall pay?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, they would be the final decision on that. Yes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Then if we put a tenant on the Housing Authority and consideration came up as to whether or not to increase the rents, it'd be very likely that the tenant would always vote not to increase the rents, isn't that correct?