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SENATOR SIMPSON: You mean for everybody that they might do this.

SENATOR WHITNEY: If the Housing Authority were going to increase the rents, considered increasing the rents, and the tenant were on the Housing Authority wouldn't the tenant likely to be always wanting to vote against an increase in rents because of the fact that he'd have to pay more money for rent?

SENATOR SIMPSON: The only case that I know of history on this has been here in Lincoln, and this has not been the way it's worked out because I think there are many considerations taken in when the rent problem comes up and there has not been a negative factor on the Lincoln Housing Authority as to how much rent could be charged and so on, and I think they as the other people on there have been responsible in seeing that they were...what was necessary to take care of the costs of the project.

SENATOR WHITNEY: The thing that would get me is, is this conflict of interest if you can vote to keep your own rents down?

SENATOR SIMPSON: They, under this bill, can not vote on an issue that is their personal well-being.

SENATOR WHITNEY: You mean it says that in the bill.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I'm not going to embarrass you by asking you where it is in the bill unless you already know, because I've been embarrassed that way on this floor before.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Go ahead. On Page 6, it says, "but such tenant commissioner shall not participate in any decisions solely affecting his individual interest".

SENATOR WHITNEY: I thank you very kindly.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the bill? The question is shall LB 273 as amended from General File to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lewis voting aye.

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis voting aye. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay, remainder not voting.

SPEAKER: No, 29 ayes.

CLERK: 29 ayes. Senator Lewis voting aye.

SPEAKER: Ok. LB 273 is advanced. It brings up the General File consideration of LB 232.

CLERK: Read title. LB 232. There are Committee amendments to be adopted from Senator Syas's committee, Constitutional Revision.

SENATOR SYAS: ...the Committee amendments be adopted. Now, what the Committee amendments do...I assume this bill is going to pass in some form. At least, I feel that way. This is one of my bills that I feel wont have too much trouble. The Committee amendment, \$675.00 I think it is a month, was a compromise between...I would have liked to have the original bill at \$800.00 but I figured that possibly couldn't get it. I am a realist, I guess...and the other one was \$600.00 on the bill as introduced and this is sort of a figure we arrived