

LB 510

(Start Belt #6)

CLERK: 28 ayes, no nays.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. LB 510. Clerk will read.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 510. (read). There are committee amendments by Senator Waldron's Miscellaneous Subjects Committee.

SPEAKER: Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, I move the committee amendments be adopted. Mr. President, I'd ask Senator Carpenter to explain the committee amendments which become the bill because he's the one that brought it to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and we agreed to introduce it for him.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President. If you remember some time ago we adopted an authorization appropriation to build a field house. It's restricted to \$12,000,000. Since that time they have invested the proceeds of the bond issue in funds in which it draws interest. It's estimated that between now and the time that the money is used in the payment of the construction of the building will run around a \$1,000,000 in round terms. What this bill would do would allow them to use the interest as well as the \$12,000,000 in order to improve this field house. Now specifically what many of us hope will happen, they'll enlarge the area of the swimming pool. We've had, at least I've had, I don't know about you gentlemen, literally hundreds of young people and older people who are concerned because they use this pool not only for their own use, but in the holding of contests which are important and generally speaking, I have been told that the area in which it is now being restricted to will not allow under many conditions, anyone except those who participate in the activity, to be seated. In addition to that it will raise the roof on the field house a number of feet which I don't recall, but it will not change anything insofar as the capacity of the seats are concerned. It will still remain at the 15,000 capacity as they are now constructing it, but if in the future it's desirable and necessary to increase the number of seats then with the raising of the roof at this particular time, they can raise the capacity somewhere around 18,000 plus. The one thing that's necessary, they have not let the contract for some of the steel. Obviously if this body is going to accept this bill and the amendment, they have to know as soon as they can because they have to order the steel and that's the purpose of the bill, number 2 to raise the roof a number of feet so if in the future they want to install the seats, in the future they want to install the seats and enlarge the capacity of the air conditioning and heating, they can do that at that time. This does not provide either the seats or the air conditioning. It provides for two or three things. Number 1, you increase the size of the pool; number 2, you raise the roof and number 3, they probably can increase the area of field events which would be two or three, and under the University of Nebraska. I move for the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas. Is there any discussion now of this am--this is a committee amendment, is it not, Senator Carpenter? Is there any discussion of this committee amendment? Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask a question. I, I'm for his bill. I was going to say, just--I have had rumors that we're not building an olympic size pool. Will this do that?