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SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: I wonder if Senator Richard Lewis would yield to a question?

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Senator Lewis, the Urban Affairs Committee spent some time the other day in dealing with the subjects of cities that I was the correct committee to have this type of subject in rather than the Agriculture Committee. But sometimes my logic fails me. We dealt with an issue that was supposed to take care of the same situation, but was a little more limited in scope. Are you familiar with that bill?

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: I'm not familiar, what is the number of that bill?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: I'm trying to remember that, and I don't have it off hand, but it is passed out by the committee that does almost the same thing, almost not Kremer's, but it was introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee, or the League of Municipalities. If I could get the secretary up, I could find that out real quickly. I don't have it at the tip of my fingers. Does the same thing, only limited.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Well, if it does the same thing, then I would move that we advance this bill and because there is a time is of the essence here as far as these municipalities are concerned.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Well, let me explain what I mean by the does the same thing. It allows the ordinance to be repealed. So it would do the same thing, but it would be more limited in scope. And I don't care, but I..the point I was making is that we have three bills dealing with that same thing..subject and they were in three different committees. And if you think that doesn't chattel some criticism on us, I'll tell you it sure does, and that committee sat there and listed that bill. Then I had one in public health that happened to be on, and we listed that bill, and now we have another one in Agriculture to do the same purpose.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Well, I appreciate your comments on the Reference Committee, but I still would move to advance this bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator Lewis a question. Senator Richard Lewis.

PRESIDENT: He yields.

SENATOR KREMER: Before I ask a question, Senator Lewis. I would have to say that your answer to Senator Kelly was correct. Now I would like to ask you a question. Are the municipalities involved here now, willing to be automatically forced into a initiative referendum ordinance?

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: With the provision as it is in the election laws, that 20% of the voters sign a petition to put this on the ballot. And I have no input from the municipalities, so I cannot answer that directly. But I would like to point out that if you have 20% of the legal voters or the people who voted