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PRESIDENT: Are you all through discussing the Barnett amendment. The question is, do you want to adopt...Senator Keyes are you all through discussing? The question is, do you want to adopt the Barnett amendment? If you do vote aye, if you don't vote no. We are adopting the Barnett amendment. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays.

PRESIDENT: O.k. The Barnett amendment is adopted. Are there any other amendments..

CLERK: Mr. President there is an amendment to amend the committee amendment to exclude the metropolitan areas. Signed, Senator Ernest Chambers.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I think all of you know how all SID's work. So without going into a lot of detail. They can build swimming pools, golf courses, public parks, public recreational facilities. Which are far beyond their ability to pay for. If they build close enough to a large enough city when they are annexed, the city assumes the obligation of the SID, and everybody's taxes go to retire the debt created by these people, and although the facilities would be utilized by these individuals in these suburban or outlying areas everybody must pay the taxes, including myself. Now I wouldn't be welcome at those golf courses, I wouldn't be welcome in those swimming pools, nor would my children. And I think everybody in this body is aware of that. So I'd like to ask Senator Dickinson a question, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson yield.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dickinson, do SID's create debts which practically speaking, they know they would not be able to retire if they would never be annexed?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I can't answer that positively. I don't think they do, Senator Chambers. I'm sorry we can't listen to the whole bill on the purpose point. Some of your concern is being corrected with Senator Cavanaugh's amendment. Whereby we will have a board out there that will have some control, instead of the developer being lavish with his spending and perhaps over spending to some degree.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, I'll ask you a different question. Do you think that by allowing SID's to build in this fashion it contributes to what is known as 'urban sprawl'.

SENATOR DICKINSON: It's not particularly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think when SID's are permitted to build in this fashion they can build in a helter skelter fashion with out coordination.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, I think they are completely controlled by city and county planning boards. At this time Senator Chambers. And they can't do it without the permission of those boards. I think perhaps Senator Goodrich would..I would yield to him and