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LB 150

the Revenue Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move to advance LB 150 from General File to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Okay, proceed to explain the bill.

SENATOR PIRSCH: All right. LB 150 only affects a county in which a metropolitan class city is located and presently the city is sending out a statement of taxes and also special assessments in two separate mailings. This would allow them to send out the special assessment tax listed separately with the separate amount on the one billing of their tax statement. It does not change the City of Omaha's legal authority with regard to these special assessments. It is intended to be another method whereby the city hopes to collect unpaid special assessments for such services and does not give such services the status of the property tax for collection. It merely lists them and sends them out in one mailing and eliminates the need for another mailing.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Any discussion then on the... Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I approve of LB 150. As an employee of the City of Omaha there were numerous occasions and I mean constantly, daily we received calls from neighbors that would say that the people next door to them or down the block was not cutting their weeds, was not shoveling their walks. We would then call, send out the proper notices and they would just not pay any attention to them due to the fact that many of them were landlords that owned property outside of the state or outside of the city. A lien would be filed against their property. They would pay no attention to the lien. I think by this system, by assessing them on their property tax bill, we will be in a better position to collect some of the assessments that were assessed against the property for weed cutting, snow shoveling and collecting debris and garbage in the yard. I highly approve of LB 150. Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Labedz.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Any further discussion on LB 150? If not, Senator Pirsch, you may close.