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to the Revenue Committee or Budget...Constitutional..no, I will get the right committee yet, Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Senator Merz asked for the bill and he will explain it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Merz. The Chair recognizes Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is an offspring of the bill that I had up last year, 226, that seemed to cause a lot of controversy because it had electrical systems involved. This bill has taken the electrical system out, which it amounts to, it is a bill to allow two or more cities to have a sewer or water system through one bond issue. Now for two or more cities to go together and set up a sewer system or a water system, they each have to have a separate bond. By going this route, they can go under the same bond and be benefited with a little smaller interest rate and I think this part had no opposition last year and I would ask for its support.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Merz a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Merz, will you respond?

SENATOR MERZ: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Merz, how come you didn't introduce this bill as one of your ten bills in the first ten days, if you had the same bill introduced a year ago or two years ago?

SENATOR MERZ: Well, I will tell you, we never had time to work it out and take it apart and rewrite it. As you know, this takes a quite a bit of time in doing so I apologize for that. I wish I'd have got it in earlier. Thank you.

SENATOR HEFNER: Do you think it is really necessary for us to introduce this bill this year then?

SENATOR MERZ: Well, I don't know how, we have water problems in a lot of our small areas, and at the request of a lot of munys over the state that will be benefited by this, I feel it is necessary.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Senator Merz. Mr. President, members of the body, it seems to me like we are getting a