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force the municipality to build the sewer and water and utility lines out to meet them. The five acre limitation is bad enough. I would have preferred one acre because I am narrow minded and provincial and many other things that I have been accused of in the past and readily accede to but the very fine facts of life are that you are never going to stop urban sprawl. You are only going to acknowledge it. There will always be someone who can move out to the suburban area. Now if you really want to get provincial, you can make it 160 acres and you can require a man to spend three or four thousand dollars an acre and buy 160 acres of land and then possibly, Senator Wesely and Senator Fowler and Senator Newell, you will force the revitalization of the downtown area and you will force all of the people who do not have a million dollars to move into apartments. Now if that is what you really want, you can do it in this manner. If you want to go at it the other way, be reasonable about it, provide the second class cities with some guidelines and I want to point out again there are no guidelines in the statutes at the present time relating to second class cities and villages. They can be interpreted either way, and in some instances, the boards have told us, in some instances, the cities have chosen to adopt the five acre limitation. Other instances, they have chosen the ten acre limitation but there has been no consistency. In some instances, far be it from me to say that they are arbitrary but they have not followed any consistent regulation. They have allowed one individual to buy an acre without a subdivision. They have required others to subdivide with ten acres or more. We are trying to provide guidelines.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If my good friend and long time associate,..

PRESIDENT: Two minutes on the bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ....Senator Warner, really is concerned about the City of Lincoln, there is several things he can do. He can prevail upon his seatmate, Senator George, to bring LB 61 from the committee or he can offer to amend the bill to affect primary class cities and I am sure he has thought of that but he is not going to affect Lincoln, he is not going to do a thing for Lincoln, but, Senator Wesely, you are going to severely handicap your mother's home town of David City and I wouldn't want to have to say bad things about you in my column next week. So would you please reconsider and stop your unwise support of the Senator Warner amendment and fall in line with your old friend, Senator Schmit.