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LB 176

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, 176 is a bill that was handled in the Urban Affairs Committee and I am a member of that committee and for the record I voted to move the bill to the floor and it is there, but since that time I have had some severe reservations about that motion and about this bill. We have another bill that deals with the same subject. It is LB 250 and what this bill did was to change the language from the resident owner to the owner of record and provides for a majority greater than 50%. In 250 we deal with the same subject. One of the reasons I am asking to strike the enacting clause is I feel that this bill is repetitive of LB 250 and it should be addressed in that bill and that bill only. I have talked to the League of Cities, the representatives and they have no strong feelings because if this body wants to change the owner or the resident owner to the owner of title in terms of sanitary improvement districts, they can do it in 250. I also have a reservation about 250 and I have reservations about the record, the resident owners as opposed to the owner of record title because in many communities I believe you are going to cripple improvements that you might be looking for because in many small communities the resident owner is there but the owner of record title in many places is an absentee owner and for that purpose to understand an improvement when he may live in California or Florida or somewhere else, to me is an obstacle to small communities in improvements they may want to make. At this time I address myself to only 176. I believe it is a bill which is redundant. It is not needed and certainly this body, if they want to deal with 250, change the resident owner to the owner of record title and make it 60% of those owners for a sanitary improvement district to happen, then let's do it in 250 but let's not carry along a bill that really I think has little meaning or any value to the statute books. I ask for the striking of the enactment clause.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch, will you respond?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MARESH: How does this compare with Class 1 cities?