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SENATOR NICHOL: 800 to 5,000, I believe.

SENATOR KOCH: And what is a first class city?

SENATOR NICHOL: 5,000 and over up to the size of a primary which is Lincoln.

SENATOR KOCH: So you are saying the Fremonts, the Grand Islands and others have no need for this type of legislation?

SENATOR NICHOL: I have checked with the Senators and I couldn't find one that has need.

SENATOR KOCH: I have to oppose your proposal. If you were dealing mainly with a village where they knew everyone in it, I might accept that, but to bring in the second class and first class cities, I believe that you are virtually emasculating the intent of the bill and I understand that the various utilities believe that what Senator Simon is offering us today is a fair and reasonable approach. I would suggest that we would turn down Senator Nichol's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The debate is ceased. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: In closing?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Close on your amendment, yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: I don't see any need for this in city of the first class, city of the second class and villages. The cities of Fremont and that size are not so large that they are totally disregarding the complaints with which people are interested. When you have a complaint, you usually do know the person or at least know who they are. They don't throw you out, kick you out. They listen to your complaint and the problems are handled but this may be different in Lincoln and Omaha, I don't know. I don't know what their problem is. I live 400 miles from Lincoln, 500 from Omaha, 450 from Omaha, so it could well be that they have a problem. I just don't choose to have my area and have a fiscal increase in the rates in my area. If you