

those amendments are on page 1168 of the Journal.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: The amendment tries to put back into the bill the original language which deals with resident owner and the owner, the non-resident. We talked about this a couple of weeks ago about the problems that communities now have when they go to make improvements. To me if we are going to adopt this type of legislation we are going to put before us certain committees, certain obstructions which are not to the benefit of the resident owners who live there. In many cases you have owners of property who do not live in that community but who carry a pretty big stick when it comes time to carry on certain kinds of improvements that are needed in the best interest of the city or the community which we are talking about. So, my amendment proposed to put it back the way it was. I have another problem with the bill and that is that in many cases communities are making improvements that directly benefit I think even the railroads. I know that Senator George has some feelings about this because he has also served on city councils like I have. I believe that any-time railroads own considerable land it is used commercially like they do now, and they lease it to others that there is a benefit to be derived by street improvements, by paving the streets that add to and enhance the business district of a community. Therefore this is why I am asking this piece or this amendment be adopted. I live in a smaller community and I have observed absentee owners who many times could care less about what happens to that as long as they get their rent. That is all that they worry about. Yet those of us who live there and pay taxes many times are stymied by those individuals who could care less. For us to put this non-resident owner in there is equal with me as a resident owner and I am a part of the tax paying as well as he and maybe have a greater interest in that community than he does that I believe that I should have a little more right than that person who is a non-resident owner. I'm saying to you that if we adopt this amendment, the bill the way it is, we are throwing impediments into community improvements. I have seen many of you people sit at community improvement programs that we have each year in November when your communities were honored for the various kinds of achievements. The community in which I live in has been honored for ten consecutive years an all Nebraska community. But, it hasn't always been easy. It took us five years to get