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to vote away from an owner who happens to live maybe half a block away or maybe a hundred miles away, it doesn't make any difference. He or she is the person who has to pay for it and they certainly are interested in improving their own property. So, I would urge you to defeat the Koch amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you have any more comments before we vote? Do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Very briefly Mr. Speaker. Senator George said something that interested me, who lives a hundred miles away, that will really make him interested in what is going on in that community because he may be an infrequent visitor. Just because he owns an apartment, and that is what many of them are, doesn't necessarily mean that he is going to show a great interest as long as the apartment is generally full and he is getting his fair share of rent which he can depreciate and amortize over a period of years and then unload it at some future date when it becomes somewhat blighted. Now that, there was an Attorney General's opinion. You saw it. We can treat these kinds of owners in a different fashion, Senator George inferred that we should treat them all the same because first class cities have this, necessarily second class cities should suffer the same indignities. If I had my way, first class cities would be just like the second class in that the only person who would make that determination is the resident owner, and who is directly involved with whatever the SID might be. So therefore I believe that particularly in the small communities they need to keep the law just as it is. Because there many times have a more difficult problem with improvements than larger cities do. So, I would hope that the body would adopt my amendment and one last reminder, there is not a constitutional question on how we treat different owners whether they be resident or non-resident. We can by law, according to the attorney general opinion, do that. I ask you for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is the Koch amendment on LB 250. All those in favor of the Koch amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Motion is the Koch amendment to LB 250. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: I will ask for a Call of the House, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: A Call of the House has been requested.

SENATOR KOCH: And, a roll call vote.