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LB 136

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on the motion? Senator Keyes, you may close on your motion.

SENATOR KEYES: Fellow Senators, I hope you folks that are fortunate enough to represent the rural areas in Nebraska will stand and take notice and understand what is going on here. Supplemental...I will read it to you, then you can understand it very clearly. Supplemental to any existing law on the subject, makes no difference what you said about the subject in the past, Senator Cope, any first class city or village may, when creating a sewer or paving district, include land adjacent to such city and village. They may include it in that district. The city council then, that is the ones that you farmers don't elect. Don't forget that. You don't have anything to do about the city council. You go into town but you don't have anything to do about the election of the city council. The city council or the board of trustees shall have the power to assess and that means through tax, to the extent of the special benefits and how much benefit is a paving going by your farm. The fellow across the street says it is just as much his responsibility as it is mine and charge him \$1,000 for every seventy feet that he has got. The city council or board of trustees shall have the power to assess to the extent of specific benefits the cost of such improvements upon the properties found especially benefitted thereby. All I am telling you is that you are giving the cities and the villages and the little towns of this state, by their city council, to set up a district and have you pay for the paving, half of the paving. If you want that, go ahead and give them the power to do so but if you don't want it just strike Section 4 from the law because it says supplemental notwithstanding or to any extent and let me tell you, friends, you are going to be taxed something like fifteen to twenty thousand dollars on your eighty acres, on your eighty rods. That is how much it can cost. I advise you to kill Section 4.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MARESH: A question of Senator...

PRESIDENT: He was closing, Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Oh, he was closing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question then is the motion to return LB 136 to Select File for a specific amendment. All