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LB 136

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is on Select File. Senator Rumery, do you want to make a motion to adopt the amendment?

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, I move we adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, do you wish to speak to the Rumery amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to do it by questions with Senator Rumery. Senator Rumery, as I understood LB 136 this allowed for cities to pave those streets that were part in a city and part in a county, is that correct?

SENATOR RUMERY: Yes, it is within the two mile zone.

SENATOR KELLY: With your amendment, the undeveloped land that would be, say, in the county now has control of whether that street that divides the city and the county, whether it gets paved or not is now in control of the owner in the county?

SENATOR RUMERY: It amounts to that. As I understand it, when you put it on a front footage basis, the big landowner has the majority vote.

SENATOR KELLY: Okay, thank you very much, Senator Rumery. In Grand Island, we have an industrial tract that is in the county that is completely surrounded by the City of Grand Island, and because it was in the county, there was no way that the City of Grand Island could assess that area to pave the street around the industrial area. In negotiations between the city and the county and those landowners in that industrial district, we were able to get one of the streets that had been half paved on the city side but on the county side not paved, we have been able to negotiate and get that street paved. But this negotiation if it is going to take three years on each of the other sides of that industrial district, we are going to be a long time getting that paved. Now recognize that this Legislature by request of the city council refused to pass a law to allow the city to assess in that county area to pave the civil improvements in the city. Now I was delighted with LB 136 that would allow a city to go ahead with the civil improvements necessary in that city and