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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, the amendment that I offer is one in which the City of Omaha would also be included in the increase from five to ten acres. Now as many of you know, the only city in the state, the only two cities in the state who do not have the minimum of ten acre size now are Omaha and Lincoln and this amendment has been asked for by the City of Omaha and is part of another report that the LR 169 Committee on Urban Growth did. I also have had some lengthy conversations during the course of last week and through the weekend and up to just now with the developers who have opposed the proposal and they are now in agreement with the amendment and so we have the general agreement at this time, and so with that, I move the advancement of the amendment to LB 61.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely, do you care to speak on the amendment? Senator George. We are on the Newell amendment.

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to support Senator Newell's amendment. As you probably know, we do have a bill in committee to the effect that Omaha would also join the rest of the state and expand to ten acres. I think it would save the taxpayer a lot of money if we just do that by amendment to LB 61 rather than having two bills going here through that usual procedure. I do support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak on the amendment? Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak on the amendment?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the amendment as proposed, and for those of you who would like to see the amendment, it is on page 439 and 440 in your Journal so you can see that there is no change except from five to ten acres for both Lincoln and Omaha and it has my support for this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I just want to rise because for several years this issue has come up and I have always opposed the proposal which is being offered here to you today. I did vote to move the bill out