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LB 336A, 33

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LB 336A? If not, that will constitute the opening and the closing. All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the A bill.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. LB 336A is advanced to E & R Initial. The next bill is LB 33.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 33 is offered by Senator Vickers. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 8 and referred to Urban Affairs. It was advanced to General File. There are no committee amendments pending, Mr. President. I do have one from Senator Beutler, however.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, you may explain the bill at this time.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, first of all, on the agenda there is a slight mistake. In order to clarify it in anybody's mind, this is to allow villages and cities of the second class to sell public property at public auction, not rural property at public auction as it says in the agenda. I was afraid that somebody might think that our towns would start selling our farms or something and that was a mistake in printing. The intention of LB 33 is to clarify the statutes that the villages and cities of the second class operate right now under as far as disposing of public property is concerned. It sets up a system whereby they can dispose of their property at public auction rather than at a conveyance. The problem that the present system has is that even though the city board might operate in very good fashion, they think they have the top offer from an individual and agree to sell at that price, and then along comes somebody later on and says, you know, I would have paid you a little bit more and it opens up a lot of questions as to perhaps favoritism within the city fathers, and even though it probably is not the case. It just seems to me that this is a more reasonable way of doing it, allowing them to sell it at a public auction. You will notice that the village or city does still have the option of setting a minimum price so that there will be not a system set up where they would actually wind up practically giving away some property if the auction was held on a nice, sunshiny day like today, perhaps. I think you will notice there wasn't any opposition to this. As I say, it clarifies the language in the statutes and makes it what would seem to me to be a more reasonable approach to allowing these small communities to dispose of