

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 31. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 8. It was referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Urban Affairs Committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments reinstates stricken language. Senator Vickers' bill attempted to replace in its original form the kind of notice that we have had in the past with a new notice. The kind of notice that we have had in the past is a publication notice and it seeks to attempt to replace that with a direct mail notice. However, the committee decided that they would add to the existing notice rather than replace the existing notice so the committee amendments reinstate stricken language and by doing so they retain the existing requirement of publication and then with the new language of Senator Vickers' LB 31 you will have added to that the notice requirement of a direct mail letter sent to those people affected by sewer, water and drainage services and the like that are created by city ordinances. I might indicate that the committee voted on a split decision, the chairman being in the minority, to add this amendment but it did pass the committee and I would move its adoption here on the floor.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers speaking to the committee amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, as Senator Landis pointed out LB 31 was introduced by me in an attempt to make sure that those people that are affected by the formation of sewer, drainage and water districts are aware of the formation of those districts. Now understand that these people that are affected are the people that are paying for it and the only people that are paying for it. It is assessments on their property, therefore, it seemed to me that it was not necessary to include in the newspaper legal notice so that everybody in the city was aware of it if, in fact, those people that were directly affected and directly having to pay for it did get notice by means of first class mail. I believe that what the committee is attempting to do will be an additional cost to the city that is completely unnecessary but if you will notice the opposition to LB 31 you will probably understand why the committee adopted the amendment to reinsert the stricken language. The opposition representing the Newspaper Association told the committee that it really wouldn't