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LB 354

SENATOR CLARK: The motion before the House is the adoption of the committee amendments to 354. Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 2¹ ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion carried. Senator Beyer, on the bill.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the reasons behind this bill being introduced is because of some activity that is going on with the Omaha Airport Authority in the surrounding areas, counties outside of their zoning jurisdiction. The Omaha Airport Authority is appointed by the City of Omaha. It is the only appointed Authority in the state. They are not responsible in any which way to the voters and all we are asking in this bill is that anytime they leave their zoning jurisdiction they go through the appropriate board to exercise their right of eminent domain. In this respect then it does give the people a right to vote because they do vote for the county commissioners in this case that would exercise that authority. In the testimony that was there from the opposition, they had to admit that they thought if they really needed that airport that they could sell that county board on the change in using the eminent domain law. Also it gives the county board and the planning department some input into what the effect would be in that area, i.e., the roads, the relocation of roads, the surfacing of the roads, the utilities and stuff that go in there and that is basically the reason that we ask for this change. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 354. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, if I could ask Senator Beyer a question or two.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beyer, would you yield?

SENATOR NEWELL: Emil, this proposal now just deals with airport authorities in the metropolitan area?

SENATOR BEYER: Right.

SENATOR NEWELL: And the opposition you say has basically