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LB 817

Senators Dave Landis and David Newell. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 13th of this year, at that time it was referred to the Urban Affairs Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. I do have a series of motions on the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis, do you wish to explain the bill before we take up the amendments?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, my committee book does not indicate that there are committee amendments. Is that right?

SENATOR CLARK: There are no committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: Do I understand that on the desk is an indefinite postponement motion by Senator Vickers?

SENATOR CLARK: I don't know that. We have a series of motions.

SENATOR LANDIS: All right. LB 817 is the Nebraska Development Finance Fund. If you will take a look at the committee statement, it will be clear that the measure is supported by a number of individuals and organizations. It was brought to me by the Department of Economic Development and Senator Newell and I introduced it at their behest. As you can tell, they spoke in favor of the measure, and indicated to us that this is a companion piece to the Nebraska Home Mortgage Finance Act. The bill I guess can be explained in part by what is contained in the pages and also by what is not there. LB 817 is a mechanism for the granting of tax exempt bonds and it creates an advisory group that will be responsible for administering the fund, for approving the projects which will be capitalized or underwritten by the fund and which will be....

SENATOR CLARK: One moment, please. Could we have it just a little quiet? Let's give him a chance. Go ahead, Senator.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Clark. And the council will also see to it that the bonds are sold and the money funneled to the appropriate development projects. The bill is not an extension of the credit of the state. In this manner it parallels the Nebraska Home Mortgage Finance Act by creating a state agency, but that agency's business does not involve the spending of state tax dollars or the obligation of the state to pay off bonds through any of its revenue sources. The state agency in essence facilitates a private transaction between developers and bond buyers.