

reads it provides that when any part of a plat is vacated, the owners of the lots that are so vacated may enclose the streets, alleys and public grounds adjoining these vacated lots in equal proportions. In other words they become owners of platted streets or alleys in second class villages. LB 51 would require approval of the governing body before a plat or any part of a plat could be vacated and it would allow this governing body an opportunity to examine and review the implications and the practical effect of vacating plats to ensure that the proposed vacation would be consistent with sound planning principles. There have been occasions when plats have been vacated and then when property beyond these plats has been developed a second class city learns that access to this property no longer exists because the streets and alleys have been enclosed by adjoining property owners. At the present time primary class cities, metropolitan class cities as well as first class cities require approval before any plat can be vacated. LB 51 would simply allow second class cities and villages to enjoy the same privileges. At the hearing there were no opponents and the bill was introduced at the request of the League of Nebraska Municipalities, on behalf of the governing bodies of second class cities and villages which need this legislation in order to maintain the integrity of their local planning processes. I strongly encourage you to advance LB 51. I might add that at the hearing we had people from Curtis, Imperial, Schuyler, Valley and Crete, Nebraska, who were in favor of LB 51. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Chronister. Is there further discussion on LB 51? If not, the motion is to advance the bill to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to advance LB 51 from General File to Enrollment and Review for review. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 51.

PRESIDENT: LB 51 is advanced. LB 52.

CLERK: 52, Mr. President, was a bill offered by Senator Lynch. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 10 for the first time. It was referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. The bill did have a public hearing. It was