

it over to Select File. And so at this stage of the game I move for the advancement of LB 408.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, thank you. Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance LB 408, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 408 is advanced. We will take 207 and that will be the last bill of the day.

CLERK: Mr. President, 207 was a bill that was introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 15, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. There are Urban Affairs Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President and members of the body, for those of you who have been here the last few years and can remember all the wonder SID fights that took place on the floor of the Legislature and I know you are looking forward to those with bated breath, this is as close as you are going to come to an SID fight this year. This is the bill that advanced unanimously out of the committee and really I don't think has any opposition to speak of. The committee amendments do a couple of things and to explain the first committee amendment I need to explain the bill a little bit. What the bill does is it allows Sanitary and Improvement Districts to contract with subdivisions of government to perform governmental services, is the way the bill was originally drafted. This would include things such as street repair, sewer repair, lighting, those types of services that SIDs perform, the reasoning being that if an SID is within the zoning jurisdiction of say the City of Bellevue, they might be able to enter into a contract with the City of Bellevue to perform this cheaper than they can currently by going out for bids on their own. Some SID attorneys are advising their clients that they already have this authority. Others say, no, the statutes are silent on the subject, so it should be stated specifically in the statutes that they have that authority. That is what the bill did originally as drafted. When some people saw the