

though once it goes beyond the city council, the property owner still does not accept the decision of the city council and wishes to appeal this case, take it into court, at this point the only parties who can speak to that matter are the city, the condemning authority and the individual who owns the property who has been condemned. Under current Nebraska law the adjacent property owners, who the value of their property is affected, can no longer participate in this court proceeding. This law, we think, will give those individuals, the individual who has a piece of property that he or she is maintaining in good order that happens to be next door to a run down piece of property where the owner refuses to improve it, that initial property owner has standing to appeal in court. It's a fairly simple matter. That's all that this bill does. I urge you to support the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of the bill. Oh, Senator Pirsch, excuse me.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I have a question for...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me just a minute, Senator Pirsch, we didn't have you on.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, question for Senator Withem if he will yield.

SPEAKER NICHOL: yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Withem, what you are saying is that the owners may not bring an action. Is that correct?

SENATOR WITHEM: Which owners?

SENATOR PIRSCH: The adjoining property owners.

SENATOR WITHEM: They can bring an action in the sense that they can be the ones that phone the Permits and Inspections Department, in the current law they can phone the Permits and Inspections Department, get the condemnation proceedings started. They can appear at the city council hearing. Once the city council hearing is over and the city council has made a decision to condemn a piece of property, beyond that then they can no longer speak and be heard to the people that make the decision under current law.