

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President and members of the body, the amendment I am offering is primarily a technical amendment. A portion of the committee amendments were adopted on General File of LB 965, were contained in a bill, an Urban Affairs Committee bill, 977. This was a bill, the result of a study this summer that the committee did on the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant Program in Nebraska. We recommended a number of changes in that proposal to bring about greater legislative oversight over the Community Development Block Grant Program. One of the recommendations we made was the establishment of an advisory committee to establish the guidelines for the distribution of the Community Development Block Grant money. It was our intent to have this committee deal only with the community development portion of the money. Some of the money that comes from the federal government has been used for economic development projects. This amendment clarifies that the advisory committee dealing with the Community Development Block Grant program sets guidance only on community development projects, not on the economic development projects. It is a highly technical amendment I believe. If there are any questions, I will attempt to answer them. If not, I urge you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the amendment? If not, the motion is to adopt the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The Chair would ask your attention, please, to the motion on the floor which is that of Senator Withem to amend LB 965. Please record your vote aye or nay. May we have your attention, please, to the amendment on the floor offered by Senator Withem to 965. Please record your vote aye or nay. Have you all voted? Please record your vote. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment to the bill by Senator Wesely. (Wesely amendment appears on page 1918 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, LB 965 was the subject of a great deal of concern of controversy and debate