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PRESIDENT: We'll take up LB440. Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Read title. LB 440

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, I move that the bill be advanced. There was no opposition at the public hearing. This will allow us to receive more federal funds in this area. The Governor has, in his budget, I think it's six million dollars also for state funds, now we're handicapped because of the ceiling limit on how much a city can receive. This will pour more money into the state for this facility and get something done than we have here in the past. I think there is an urgency in this and it should be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: (End of belt #2)
Mr. President, I sent an amendment to the Clerk's desk.

CLERK: Read motion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move for the adoption. Mr. President, this is highly important in my judgment. In Omaha and Lincoln and I have no desire to be unfair to them, I don't want to give you an advantage either, but the fact remains they have a large immediate need to some extent for large sums of money in order to complete their sewage system. I think everybody in this body has the prime responsibility to attempt to represent those people who sent him down here. This amendment, and it's partly following the recommendation of the federal government, who I have a letter before me which I've only changed the distribution by two percent. What this says at 50 percent of all the federal money available can be matched by Omaha and Lincoln. Thirty percent by first class cities and twenty percent by second class cities and villages. I think that's highly desirable and highly reasonable and I would hope the body would adopt this amendment. Otherwise, you're going to be at the complete mercy of the board to make the allocations as they so desire and I'm not willing, as one Senator, to do that.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, fellow members, I could not support the bill without the Carpenter amendment. So I favor it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.