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PRESIDENT: We're ready for the discussion of bills on General File. The first bill will be LB800

CLERK: Read title. LB 800

SENATOR STROMER: I move to advance LB800 to E & R initial. This is a bill, I think it's very simple what the bill would do according to the terms of the bill. It is to change the election of the county surveyor which is a county official to a non-partisan office and elected on a non-partisan basis. This was a bill that began with the County Surveyor's Organization. Their particular feeling was that since it is a technical sort of job that for this reason it should not be required or be judged on a partisan basis but rather on the technicality of whether a person could handle the job.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Morgan, Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I move the bill be indefinitely postponed. I do that because recently I've been (inaudible) than I have before and I think this is bad legislation.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: May I ask Senator Stromer a question or two. Out in our smaller county we don't have a county surveyor. The county commissioners simply go 50 miles away and select somebody that lives somewhere else to come in and be our -- do the work of this fellow. Are you familiar with this situation that this is the case in the sparsely populated counties?

SENATOR STROMER: Yes I am.

SENATOR WHITNEY: This bill here would provide that county surveyors would be included in every county. Is that it?

SENATOR STROMER: It is my understanding this would only apply to where they are elected now.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Klaver.

SENATOR KLAVER: Senator Stromer you say that you to have (microphone not operating).

SENATOR STROMER: Senator Klaver as I think we explained this was a bill that was developed by the County Surveyor's Organization in the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR KLAVER: I think it's an excellent bill to be indefinitely postponed.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Syas.