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SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have a question of Senator Barnett, if he will yield? Does the Mobile Home Association or any other building association feel this would be a good amendment and workable for their use or is this something which will add another problem for the problem we are trying to solve?

SENATOR BARNETT: I wouldn't think it would be any problem. It would be a problem if we didn't adopt it, because if we would leave it like the bill presently states, the Health Department could adopt an electrical code of their own or electrical standards and the state already has the minimum standard to the 1975, I believe, state electrical code.

SENATOR MARSH: Continuing, Mr. President, is this code now designed for mobile homes or unit homes or is it designed, the present code designed specifically for permanent structures? I understand that we still need to have safety standards but that different standards and costs are involved in some of the differences which appear because of the construction methods in permanent housing and in unit housing. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I am listening but I really don't know what you are getting at because we have got to have standards set forth, whether it is modular, mobile or permanent, and this code applies to anyone and to anyone in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR MARSH: Is that exactly what the complication is, though? Aren't there national standards for unit homes that would...do you expect the State Department of Health to come up with something that will complicate it or that will simplify it? Is that your problem? Is it the State Department of Health that is your problem?

SENATOR BARNETT: It is the real problem but there is nothing we can do about it. That is the way they want this bill to go. I don't think the State Health Department is capable of coming up with the electrical inspectors, so, therefore, I say, we have a standard now in the state set forth by this body last year. Let's adopt that to any code that we have. If we adopt these boards and codes, let's follow it through on total construction, regardless. It is for their safety that I am doing it. It is not for any other reason.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President and fellow members, the introducer of the bill, Senator Burbach, is not here and I am sure his request would be that he would like to be here when we act on this amendment. He is at a meeting and cannot be here this morning and I would request that we hold this bill over for that reason. I would like unanimous consent that we hold the bill until Senator Burbach is here. He meant to make that announcement, I am sure.