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approximately once every twelve months, however, in the case of federal houses, they are inspected the most every eighteen months, once every eight, one and a half years at the most. Now if Senator Haberman can tell me how that is going to protect the farmer when his elevator is not inspected anymore often than one and a half to two years, I wish he would tell me. I think for the protection of the farmer, we should strike the enacting clause and support Senator Remmers. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, this, of course, is a continuation of an argument we had several years ago on how we should handle grain elevators and how they should be bonded and whether livestock feeders should be included and a whole raft of things. And I was under the assumption that the reason we brought out LB 73 this year was to give the Public Service Commission a few more guidelines to work with as they work with this serious problem that we have with grain elevators. In that respect, I think we should not kill LB 73 but should give them the help that they need or think they need especially when it comes to the livestock feeders. I was successful in adding an amendment to the bill that would take them out of the bonding situation. I know some of you don't agree with that but I do think that needs to be decided because the Public Service Commission is not doing anything about it. There hasn't been a feeder bonded in the last two years or whenever it was since we last talked about this issue. So I think that should be decided and I thought it was decided in LB 73 by the vote of this body. As far as the checks are concerned, my goodness, if you carry a check in your pocket, does that mean you're going to lose because you haven't gotten to the bank with it yet? The way it sounds and what has happened under some situations if you had grain in the elevator, you're all right. Even if you had a warehouse receipt or a scale ticket as Senator Haberman talks about, you'll probably be all right. But if you happen to have the check in your pocket that the guy paid you for and the check isn't any good, you lose. Now that doesn't sound like a very good deal to me. I think there should be a time limit on it if you're going to carry that check around for a couple three weeks, why, maybe you deserve to lose it. But four, five days shouldn't be too much and if that check isn't any good, why, you'd probably be better off to have your grain in the elevator and try to lose it that way. Most of us feel the check is worth more than that grain would be in the bin and that's not the case the way it seem. So therefore I urge you not to kill LB 73. I think there are parts of it that we need badly.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, for what reason do you rise?