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SPEAKER: That's the Maresh amendment. Senator Schmit, did you wish to be recognized on that amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I would. I'd have to rise to oppose my good friend, Senator Maresh, on the amendment as I did in committee. I think that Senator Barnett touched upon this in his discussion and we definitely and specifically do not want this man to have authority to enforce all of those laws of the state of Nebraska. That's what we have other sections of the law enforcement people for and we think this man should confine his activities entirely and specifically to those matters that relate to the Department of Agriculture and I know that Senator Maresh's intention is good in this because he wants to be able to authorize this man to oppose and arrest those

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persons who are engaged in other activities but I think it would defeat the purpose of the bill and I would request the amendment be defeated.

SPEAKER: Senator Epke, then Senator Kremer.

SENATOR EPKE: Mr. President and fellow members, I don't like to oppose my good friend, Senator Maresh, but I think I would have to on this amendment. I think the way it is spelled out in the bill would certainly give this individual about all the work that he could handle. You run into a quite a little problem when you have..particular this individual..that's primarily involved in animal disease control going down the road somewhere and he will be covering the entire state. He could be clear out at Scottsbluff. He could pick up a speeder and after he had picked him up arrest him and it goes to court why he might be required to go clear back out to Scottsbluff to testify in the case. I think we would wind up with this man doing too many things besides what his duties are. I don't think we ought to expand his authority. I think we ought to let it just the way the bill is written.

SPEAKER: Senator Dickinson, did you wish to speak on this amendment? We have before the body just the Maresh amendment to..

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, I do rise in opposition to my good friend, Senator Maresh, and the other two fellows have explained the reasons. I just don't want these broad arrest powers and I would like to suggest that as a citizen we all have the responsibilities that Senator Maresh referred to. If we see a flagrant or obvious violation of the law, we have a duty to report it to the nearest officer and this gentleman would be in a better position to do it because he would have radio equipment and so forth in his car. So we do want to confine the responsibilities of this individual to the area to which we are referring to.

SPEAKER: Senator Kremer, then Senator Barnett.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I am going to have to oppose this amendment. Now, when we get into the enforcement of drug laws, that's a whole new ball game and it takes highly trained people to know exactly what they are doing. I sympathize with Senator Maresh, the complexity of this problem and the importance of it but I think we are taking in the wrong area and we do..I really oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER: Still speaking on the amendment. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Marsh would yield to a question?