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SENATOR SIMPSON: OK. Then, I only have one more question. I looked in the Committee statement and it doesn't show who appeared at the public hearing for and against the bill and I wonder if you'd have that information available.

SENATOR BURBACH: I could tell you by memory.

SENATOR SIMPSON: That would be close enough.

SENATOR BURBACH: The only two who op...only one who opposed was Fred Harrington. To my knowledge, he was the only one that opposed it and there is one more..Did Jack Andrews? I know that he is so inclined. That would be Jack Andrews, the cold storage man here in town and Fred Harrington and a Bob Downer, who you know..he comes here. He does not appear in behalf or official capacity with the County Officials. He was there and expressed his own mind. And then there was those who appeared for it. David Osterhoff; Frank Paul of Grand Island, that's the New Holland people; a William Harper of Western Electric of Omaha; Stan Matzke, the Economic Development Department; Mr. Green of the Public Service Commission; P. J. Cooney of Norden Laboratories; Jim Monroe of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce; and Don Berg, also of Norden Laboratory. The opposition was Jack Andrews, Fred Harrington, and Robert Donner.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Thank you very much and I just will make a short statement. Seeming to me whether this is a good or bad bill but anytime that someone within their own storage area has the opportunity to declare mentally that we have separated this stuff out to go out of state, we have a problem because the portion of it that is going to go out of state on future inventories is going to be the portion that was there on assessment day and not anything that was made subsequent even though you might have a fifty-fifty break on the products being sold within Nebraska without it. So, I would assume then that there would be no assessment on any of this that was there on that date, if you could do it..the inventory rough. So, I think this bill, whether it is good or bad, has quite an affect on counties and I am sure it does on Lancaster, especially, and, at this time, I would have to be against the bill.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Speaker, I rise in favor of this bill. I think it's an absolutely must. I have been in some of these warehouses. I...one of them, if I recall was Norden's, and I think they had a line painted across one warehouse where they kept nonrefrigerated products and they had to lease that to some other warehouse, so they could warehouse it. They couldn't do it themselves but they let some other warehouse,...some warehouse company do it. I can see there'd be a terrific lobby, a powerful lobby, to try to defeat this bill but it's an absolutely must in the state of Nebraska, and I think probably that is the problem, isn't it, Senator Burbach, is that these...if I was the manufacturer, I could take...my product, say they were dryers, say it was the Bell Manufacturing Company and they were producing dryers. We always have a shortage of dryers in the fall, and it takes a lot of finance. We know it does and they could produce those dryers and put them out in the yard and put a steel fence around them. I've seen these steel fences and the Hadco Company use to have them and some truck company had them warehoused. I am sure it worked. They were there. However, the company did wonder but I am sure that the warehouse folks...the truck company were protected and so this is really the thrust of the bill so that we can have these products on hand when the consumer wants them, and I don't think we should be legislating for the warehouse people here. We should be legislating for the consumers of the state of Nebraska.