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PRESIDENT: O.K. Senator Cavanaugh. Then Senator Nore. The Chair probably ought to remind you again, I know Senator Cavanaugh you are aware of this, but the motion is to indefinitely postpone 327, and I haven't heard too many remarks addressed to that area.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: That's true. I'm not sure which side Senator Stahmer is on there in fact I'm not sure what his problem is. The undershirt or the inflation of his body, but...

PRESIDENT: He's on the side of the long undershirts.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I don't think that this body or any other governmental agency could prevent Senator Stahmer's own expansion. In order that he'll fit his undershirts. But I would oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. Not on the grounds of completely agreeing with the Murphy amendment, but on the basis, the fact that we owe an obligation to the consumers of this state to provide them with the most reasonable protection and at the same time we owe an obligation to the retailers and merchants of this state not to enact legislation that will unduly harass nor harness the free flow of commerce in the State of Nebraska. I don't think that Senator Murphy's amendment reaches that goal, and I would anticipate offering some amendments probably on Select File to Senator Murphy's bill in order to more adequately reach that state of harmony between

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adequate protection to the consumer and prevention of an undue harassment on legitimate commerce. So I would oppose to indefinitely postpone.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, we are still agruing the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and members. In rebuttal to Senator Syas's experience. One of my grocerers in my districtt Thompson, Nebraska, who is one of the finest in the state. While I was there the State Inspector came in and weighed some popcorn, which had shrunk. Popcorn dries out, it was 1/16 of a pound under. It was one ounce lacking being a pound. It had shrunk. So what did they do with the popcorn? They are getting protection. They are getting..they took the popcorn off of the shelf and piled on the floor and they sent it back to the wholesale house to put another ounce of popcorn in. So they are getting protection. Now the Better Business Bureau have the toll free number. I'll give you the numbers if you want to write them down. It's 800-742-7327 or 800-642-9332, it's free. If you have a problem, call them. They would b e very happy, any place in the State of Nebraska to give you help. Now I would prefer doing it that way than to having these people have to hire an attorney. I think the Better Business Bureau are doing a good job, and the only thing that we don't. .there are not enough people that know of the availability of this service. And they are working on this trying to get more people who are aware of this service. So in the light of that we probably don't need any legislation, we'll do it by private treaty.