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that 755 was created as an illusion and a diversion a smoke screen and you will see as we go through this that it is not even good piece meal legislation when we bring up the problems attendant to LB354. Now why do I say this? Why do I contend that 354 is so badly needed in Nebraska today? First of all we might address ourselves to why the need of a comprehensive law, and I'm sure that that is what a lot of you members of the legislature want to know? Why must we have a complete revision. Wiping out all of these chapters and redoing at this time. Even though Nebraska law might not be as bad as some of the other states of the union, and certainly I would agree to that, our laws on probate and on guardianship and conservatorships, are obsolete are out of date. Think about the fact that 200 of the 300 sections of the bill which required amendments were established in the days of the territorial government of the state of Nebraska, way back to 1855. Think about the fact that our intensity laws which we propose to change here came on the books in 1907. Now in between are all kinds of gaps and voids and no provisions for certain for proper procedures or practice plus the fact that we have 93 counties where we have varying types of procedures of practice as we go from county to county with regards to the state matter. I might note here by the way of the opponents to LB354 and what they have talked about they have made a great deal about the fact that we are going to throw out 100 years of case law in Nebraska. I would submit to you that the reason that we have got so much case law on the books in Nebraska about probate and about these matters is because of the fact that the laws that we had on the books in the 100 plus years have been so lacking and have had so many gaps that we have had to have so much litigation so rather than to argue that this law is going to require a lot of litigation we have proof of the fact that over the years we have needed a lot of litigation. One minute...one minute, what? Pardon? No, I have ten minutes don't I? I haven't talked ten minutes. Lets be clear as to who is behind this bill, and this proposed change in Nebraska and why they are behind it. There has been some...and there always is when you have this kind of a complicated and controversial piece of legislation there is also all kinds of in

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and suggestions, that this will benefit certain people, that this will do this and this will do that. Lets just see who is behind this bill. The American Bar Association approves it in 1969. It was brought about by the Real Estate Trust and Probate sections of the uniform commissioners who worked on it from 1962 to 1969. Now the American College of Probate Council, probably the best known of the professionals in this field have approved this bill. The National Council of Senior Citizens. You will look in the book that I handed out yesterday you will see letters and commentaries from some of these people The National Council of Senior Citizens, the Omaha Commission on Aging and the National Retired Teachers Assoc., The American Assoc. of Retired Persons, the American Federation of Labor the CIO. Numerous farm organizations and other consumer groups have been very active in years and in some states for example in Wisconsin they went so far as to have a referendum on this issue and hundreds and thousands of people came out and demanded that this kind of legislation be placed on the ballot. Then we had in our own state, numerous attorneys and county