

March 20, 1974

SPEAKER PROUD: Now, I move the bill be advanced as amended.

PRESIDENT: All those in favor of the readvancement of LB1028 as amended please say aye. Those opposed please say no. So ordered, the bill as amended is readvanced.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I assume he wants to return it to Select File for specific amendment to indefinitely postpone it.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Skarda, is that your motion? Motion is to return LB1028 to Select File for the specific amendment and that is to strike....to indefinitely postpone. Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Well, Mr. President and members of the Body. I certainly see no use in the bill now. You've got all of the effectiveness out of it and the usefulness and the goodness. So you might kill it....we're in a complete state of confusion over what the contents of it is. What it means...and so I afford you the opportunity which you're going to do anyway. You're going to weaken it to such an extent, it's no good so we might as well kill it now.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Schmit and then Senator Cavanaugh. The motion is to return the bill to Select File to indefinitely postpone. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I...I have to agree with Senator Skarda that I think the bill has become weaker and weaker. That it proves a point again that has made on this floor time after time, if you want a bill to become law here, it has to do one of four things. It has to help no one, hurt no one, cost nothing or do nothing and then it can go across the board and become a law. And we can go back and tell the people that we protected them. Now, I do want to say this though. I'm still not ready to give up on this. And I'll tell you why. And I agree with Senator Carpenter that we have a situation in existence today which demands some attention and I would hesitate to allow the bill to be killed because as long as there's life, there's hope. And I'm not going to give up yet because if we give up, we've told the people in the State of Nebraska in effect that we can't do a damned thing about those industries which do have monopoly power and are in violation of anti-trust laws. If you read the paper this morning, you noticed that the Supreme Court had voted 7 or 8 to 1 against investigating food retail chain. I think we know that we're not going to get action on the federal level. We have this morning a man from the Federal Trade Commission who's visiting with some of us and you're all welcome to visit with him if you have the time. They would like to help. They would like to help but they have got to have some evidence and they've got to have some cooperation and I think that we need the bill if this motion of Senator Skarda's does not prevail. I did mention there was a technicality involved and I have a motion which I will offer in that area. I'm disappointed but I'm not going to give up yet and I would have to ask you not to support Senator Skarda's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.