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manufacturers and the dealers would get together so that the consumer could properly be served. The four year history is that the manufacturer has not cooperated with the dealer organization as a normal business practice. The consumer finds himself in a position of having purchased a forty or fifty thousand dollars recreational vehicle with a broken frame or with a broken gas line that catches the unit on fire. Unusual, not at all unusual, happens regularly. There is nothing in the codes to do with the quality of the recreational part of the vehicle. There certainly is many regulations involved with the vehicular part of the recreational vehicle but not the living part. LB 418 would put some code in place on quality for manufacturing of these very expensive recreational vehicles. It would further put in place a notification system so when this sixty, seventy thousand dollar unit, when it was known by the manufacturer that there was a serious safety defect, an owner of such piece of equipment would be notified. Fourteen days is not an unreasonable time to repair these defects and to take responsibility for them. In almost all instances the dealer is qualified immediately to fix those defects, but under the legal procedures he is not allowed to and, therefore, the equipment will set and set and set. It is real interesting that Senator Clark would state that the recreational vehicle dealers in the Sidney area are calling him and after him to "attack LB 418", when unanimously, one hundred percent of the recreational vehicle dealers in Nebraska support this bill. Mr. Jack Kessler, Senator Cope, who cooperated with you so well four years ago, is one of the main sponsors of this legislation. The attack on this legislation has come at this late date, not out of ignorance of what 418 is, not out of ignorance that 418 was around because it has been around for four years. How much more study do you want to do on it? It would appear that you want to study it again after just having studied it and having the Department of Health follow closely these activities for four years.

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR KELLY: The record is very plain and was given to the Health and Welfare Committee at the time of the public hearing on 418. Senator Simon does not want a study on LB 418. He just doesn't want 418 to pass. Now I believe that it is utterly ridiculous to study a question that has been studied for four years. We either know what we are doing or we don't know, and if we are wrong, vote no and get rid of the bill. If we do know, vote yes and advance it.