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occasion to listen to Senator Fowler. Just to show you how ridiculous this bill can be, at least I guess the current bill is, as Senator DeCamp indicated, so vague that it is unenforceable, thank God for that, because we really have given away and we have given to the state agency specified here a great deal of authority. And I think it is ridiculous how far we are allowing government to reach with this particular bill. We are allowing state government to tell an individual who runs one of these businesses specified in this bill, in fact, we are allowing them to tell any business under this bill as long as they fall under the broad definition of such other public places as required, we are requiring them to put up these trash receptacles that Senator DeCamp is talking about. We can even tell them what color they have to be. We could have one put in Senator DeCamp's law office if he gets one some day. That's how ridiculous this bill is. It is a...I can't believe that we are going to give this kind of authority to a state agency, that we are going to allow this kind of an intrusion into the lives of Nebraskans just in the name of litter, and that we are going to fine them \$100 for that purpose. Now if we are going to do something meaningful, if we are going to correct some of the problems, then let's not have this kind of vague language. I personally don't think that the bill is worth any further debate. I think it has many problems. We have exempted those people who should be paying the tax if there is going to be this kind of a tax. I think let's kill the bill. Let's stop unnecessary regulation on the industries and the citizens, the small businesses in the State of Nebraska. Please indefinitely postpone LB 253.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, all those in favor of postponing LB 253 vote green. Those that want it to continue vote red.

CLERK: Senator Kahle voting no.

SENATOR KAHLE: Please vote so we can move along. Record. The motion fails.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR KAHLE: The motion does fail.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator DeCamp, would you like to close?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I waive closing.