

number of people on the edges of towns and cities but I wonder if we are protecting each other from ourselves enough and I don't want to hold this bill up but I think it is something we should be thinking about. We have in our county a zoning ordinance that you can't put a feedlot within 660 feet of a person's house. That isn't far enough when the wind is from the wrong direction, I'll guarantee you, but it does protect that person from a little bit of the dust and the flies perhaps. But I'm not going to bother this bill but I think maybe we should protect the farmer against the farmer also in the future because it can ruin your whole setup if another operator comes in, a large operator, and causes you a hardship. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins. Oh, okay, thank you. It won't be necessary because you are the last speaker or the last one so we're ready then for Senator Barrett. Or wait a minute. Just a minute. Senator Peterson had his light on just before I called that, so, Senator Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I just want to call attention to what we are really doing. I, as all of you know, live in Grand Island and we have a large area northwest of Grand Island but it is not incorporated that is now on the very edge of three huge feedlots and what we're really doing is saying we will not have any more expansion west in that area if we pass this kind of a bill. One of them happens to be a commercial feedlot. Now one question I'd ask Senator Barrett, does this legislation apply to a commercial feedlot?

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett, will you respond, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes, Senator Peterson, it certainly could I should think if that feedlot were existing before the nearby development occurred, however, we do have in law at the present time statutes speaking specifically to the matter of feedlots which should be in compliance with the EPA, I believe, so they may take precedence.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Well this particular feedlot does comply with EPA but it is a commercial feedlot, nothing else, and I just, you know, feel that we may be getting to the position and I understand what you are trying to do but by the same token I think we have to recognize that communities need to expand and particularly in the case of a city like Grand Island where everything has moved to the west. Our whole shopping center is now Center West. The whole Northwest High School area is west. There are now 5,000 people out in that community and there is no question in my mind it