

of the sections of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds land. I think they make money on it. I'm not sure we do. But the fact of the matter is it is well managed, it is a fund that is beneficial to the state and is not, in spite of what you might hear, is not a detriment to the local area. I think it is a tool that we ought to allow. I urge you to vote to put LB 681 on General File so we can discuss it further. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to oppose the motion to place this bill on General File. It was kind of interesting some of the earlier comments. But, first, just a matter of record, I think probably about every other year somebody comes up with the idea to sell all the land presently being held, for some reason or other, instead of adding to. But going back to the concept, it seems kind of strange to me that some of the reasons Senator Johnson gave, a few minutes ago, about why we need to do it, why we need to stop fire sales, depressed prices, stabilize land prices, et cetera, et cetera, are kind of just the opposite of what I heard coming from the eloquent masterpiece mind of Senator Johnson a couple of days ago when we talked about 300, when people on the other side were saying the same things, why we had to stabilize or help in some small way stabilize falling land prices, et cetera. And all of a sudden it seems like the shoe is on the other foot. Well, to me if you are talking about comparing apples to apples and you are talking about people getting involved in agriculture that shouldn't be there, probably the largest one, and very few people deny, is the government. The government probably has no business going back into the market place. They control, to some people's minds, way too much now, in case you look at some of the disputes that have been brought forth over government grazing permits, some of the development of school lands now, they've been developed into center pivots, et cetera, which had to increase production. I oppose any motion to bring this back in so the government and the State of Nebraska can get back into more land ownership.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I rise to oppose the motion. I probably have more state school land in my district than anyone else in here. And during the 10 years