

decision, I might add. It is not necessary for the Legislature to consider this issue this year. I think the committee took the appropriate action for this body and also the appropriate action in the best interests of the people of the State of Nebraska. I would hope that the body would sustain the action taken by the Ag Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I guess I could address this to Senator Pappas but I also see some problems with this bill, mostly outlined by Senator Johnson now by this time. I think that the reason this test was not given, or this information, is simply a few things. First place is if this would help the farmer and if I were sure that this was a good viable test and that his seed would germinate and grow, I, for one, would be very much for the bill, but I think that there are too many open ends in the bill and the first place is to give the cold test, it is not standard. Is it on sandy soil? Is it on heavy soil? Is it given at 48 hours afterwards, or is it 72 hours? Simply, I think the reason that this is not given out is it is not a good viable test and what one company would give out as results or what one farmer may obtain or the seed corn company within the same bushel of seed would not be true. So, actually, I can see no value of this test. In fact, it could be a harm and what we need to do maybe down the road is have these seed technicians in the testing stations set up guidelines and then give the cold germ test. So I, too, for one, would see that we are trying to legislate something that is of no value.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I was one of those who voted to kill the bill and I feel that it was a proper vote. The testimony told us that it will not work and there could be difficulties in the future because of lawsuits that could develop from it because it wouldn't prove out to be correct. We must remember that the seed is produced in a lot of different states besides the State of Nebraska that comes into the State of Nebraska to plant, and when you have across state boundaries, it is very difficult to have a cold test. I know that the Farm Bureaus did stand for it and they are concerned about it. The department of the seed laboratories here in Nebraska said it would not