

work but I questioned them and they said, yes, we can test it, we can give a cold test, and individuals who want to do this can bring it to the seed department and they will test it for a fee, and then they will be able to tell them pretty close what is going to happen to that seed. So as individual farmers, if they want to test their seeds, it is available for them, but to go out and have it put on the bag that it tested a certain cold test, it could be very difficult. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the motion? Senator Pappas, I guess it is up to you to close.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Okay, thank you, Mr. President and colleagues, I would like to answer a few questions that were thrown out by opponents of this motion to raise the bill. One, they talked about there is no open ends to the bill and that is entirely untrue. I think some of these people that spoke against it, they should have been at the hearings. I will add a little bit to that, this bill is actually boiled down to a consumer protection bill. It does not mandate anything. It is similar to bills that are passed all the time that protect consumers from buying toasters, irons, et cetera. It is one thing that we can do to help the farmers. Farmers brought to me this idea of the bill. It was not my idea, it was brought to me by farmers and technicians that presently have to do this work themselves through the Nebraska Seed Corn Testing Lab, and it is one thing that is not mandated. Granted, there is no standardization test but each company runs their own test on their lot numbers that they put out and that information should be made available to the farmer before he plants the corn. He should have that option to know what is good for him. Now, if this body doesn't want to do it, fine. The only thing I ask, they say there is much more important things Senator Johnson says that we can do to help agriculture, but I want to ask everybody in this body what we have done in this body the last two or three or four years to help agriculture. We have done, basically, nothing to help agriculture on the economic side, and this is one very small step and I urge this body to pull this bill out of committee, put it on the floor, and I would like to ask for a record vote.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to place LB 832 on General File notwithstanding adverse action of the committee. All those