

U.S. Department of Agriculture testified for the bill, State Electrical Division testified for the bill, Nebraska Rural Electrical Association testified to the bill, two people. Opponents, people testifying against the bill, one, League of Municipalities. Senator DeCamp talked about labor people backing this. I don't see labor opposing at the hearing, or testimony. I do not see Senator Lamb testifying against the bill. I do not see Senator Hefner testifying against the bill. They talk about instance or what...nothing has been reported. I have a copy of a magazine article here that talked about 410 electrical irrigation installations that were inspected in the State of Nebraska, 345 were electric drive pivot systems. Of those 345 installations, 129 did not have a grounding conductor to the pivot, thus 37 percent of the total systems checked were potentially hazardous. At 181 of 345 electric drive installations the electric service to the center pivot did not have a fuse or a disconnecting means. Further down it says, of these 77 systems, Smith classified 10 as lethal, 38 as definitely hazardous, and the remaining 29 as potentially hazardous. There are hundreds of cases out in the country where, because of faulty electrical wiring, there have been minor accidents and a lot of potential lethal accidents. These are not reported. They are not required to be reported, they are not. What we are talking about is to afford the people of 5,000 and under in population the same safety standards and the same rights afforded communities of 5,000 or above. I don't think this is a case of what is good for 5,000 and above is bad for 5,000 and less. We're talking a public safety issue here and something that should be afforded the people, and I definitely oppose the kill motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich, then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I just wanted to respond to Senator Lamb's comments that he questioned whether I was correct on the motel in Valentine, Nebraska. I am correct, if the town is 5,000 or less you do not have to have a license whether you are residential, commercial, industrial or anything else. If it is 5,000 or less no license requirement. Consequently, regardless...the example I gave is exactly right. And Senator Sieck was exactly right. For example, it is a matter of competition among the Nebraska electricians not being able to go in the surrounding states of Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota. But their electricians can come over here with no license,