

that one company was objecting to this bill. Certainly not one company. I've heard from three and two of them deal in this dry edible bean seed and one of them has additional bean seed. I think that this bill was ill-conceived. If you'll look at your bill book, who testified in favor of it? Two people, one, Don Blank representing the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and one, Paul O'Hara representing Pioneer Hybrid International Incorporated, tailor made for someone and not the bean seed dealers across the state. I suggest you bring the bill back and make it unpalatable so that nobody will vote for it.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Nichol. Senator Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Rod Johnson, I would like to have you respond, if you can. Will reducing the dollar figure from 7.50 to 1.50 cover the costs of what you are trying to accomplish by having the dollars available or will we be subsidizing it in some fashion?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Johnson, will you respond, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, I will. Senator Marsh, I can't specifically answer your question as to whether or not we'll be subsidizing the inspection, but it was my understanding this was a compromise that was reached between the Department of Ag and the Seedmen's Association which I'm assuming they would not compromise or trade out the ability to collect fees that would put us in a position where we couldn't fund the whole program. So I can't really give you a specific answer, Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you for trying.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Miller, please.

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. President and members, I would encourage the body to bring this bill back for this amendment. There were some inequities and this amendment would straighten out those inequities. Those inequities were that the larger seed companies, principally the one that was mentioned, Pioneer International, which already has its own internal auditing system which has its testing system much like other states do, does, in fact, have to pay for it twice and they have much larger lots of seed that they can...the larger dollar volume of seeds that they'll be testing. So one test would go farther with their test, therefore, they should have to pay less for