

some legislation pass in 1987. So I do support the amendment and do recognize the need to make the change in the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Sieck, do you wish to speak on this? May we have order in the Chamber, please, quiet down your conversation. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I echo what Senator Wesely has just reported to you. I do feel that the bill as a whole was a good bill and we need to get the agriculture department more involved in agriculture enterprises. But because of the conflict between the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Agriculture we felt it would be better to delay this part of it until further study has been made and see whether we can't be more cohesive with the problems. But I am appreciative of the fact that we are able to include the organic portion of it. I do feel that we do have to recognize what is happening in Nebraska, that we have many individuals who are now in the organic farming activities. And several years ago I was instrumental in getting the University to do a study on what organic farming can do in Nebraska and from this date we have found that it is very profitable and it can be done and there will be many more farmers will become interested in this and I do feel that we need to set some guidelines so that we know that it is really raised organically to the populace of this state. And that is the reason for the bill. Now, I am going to read some intent language in there that was not in the bill and I felt that I had to get it on the tape. Now, the intent of this act is to provide for the registration of persons who grow or raise food products or the ingredients for food products which they market, label or advertise as organic food. Now, I feel that this is necessary that we do recognize these people and get a list of those people so we know where they are at. I would be real pleased if we would get several hundred across the State of Nebraska but that is going to take us some time. But, at least, we need to get it in statute and I really do support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Johnson amendments? Any closing, Senator Johnson?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Once again, for those of you who unfortunately were out in the Rotunda, or simply were not paying attention when I introduced the amendment, the intent of this amendment is to strike all the original sections of the bill except for the standards for