

us and they say there is a very distinct problem here in Nebraska and you should do something about it. Usually, the way it works is it's like a snowball. It starts out it has the support of everyone, everyone wants to solve the problem, but what we end up with is a bill that just isn't that good. Senator Chambers has raised some very valid points about the problems with this bill. I have some very...I have always had concerns about this bill. When it came up last year in LB 600 I voted against it. This year my feelings are that it is going to pass anyway. It is rather unfortunate because it does have a lot of problems in it and I am confident that when we come back here in January, and we have LB 600 sitting there on Final Reading, that we are going to have to make some corrections to the bill. We are probably going to have to continue to make corrections for a number of years because sometimes these things just keep on popping up. But I am going to vote with Senator Chambers in this particular instance. I don't think that we had to take up LB 7 at this time. It is a problem. We do have to work to solve this problem, but I didn't feel that this was the proper time to be dealing with it. We are going to be taking it up on Final Reading in January. It just allows us for more time to look at other states. Half the states have passed this particular type of legislation, not the exact same thing. Nobody passed the exact same thing. They all kind of molded it a little bit to fit their particular state. So we could have taken the time to look at some other states and see what they have done with it. Up to this time I believe we have only really looked at the states that are surrounding us, at least our legal counsel has, dealing with the midwestern states where at least the states that Max from Kansas City represents and those have been about the only states we have looked at. I remember going back to Washington last spring and talking to a number of different congressional offices about this problem and asking them specifically what they...how they felt that this particular bill would go about solving the problem. Nobody on the staff seemed to know what I was talking about. They had no idea what they had passed. They had no clue. They knew that there was a problem there but they really didn't know what the bill was about. I talked to different agencies in federal government and they all were afraid to even deal with it. They didn't want to talk to me about the problem when I was back there. Now we have been dealing with one particular bureaucrat down in Kansas City and it is his strong belief that this is the way it is and if we don't