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move that we put it before the committee, before the Legislature.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion on that bill..on the motion? You've heard Senator Keyes motion. Senator Barnett, did you wish to speak on Senator Keyes motion regarding LB 298? His motion is to place this on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee. All those in favor of Senator Keyes motion, in favor of placing LB 298 on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee. Senator Carpenter, did you wish to be heard on the motion?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes, I've had on my desk a copy of a news item which is rather astounding. Will Senator Keyes tell what his bill does because it seems to me if this is correct on the part of the Federal government, and I guess it is, we've almost taken all controls off of any facet of farming providing the environmental control. Is that so?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Carpenter, the Federal government has or is going to classify feedlots separate from commercial...from farmers. They are using a figure that I think is irrelevant. I'd like to see a commercial cattle feeder and farmers in Nebraska subject to the county in which they are operating. So my bill will simply state that the zoning or the planning board of any county can take a commercial feedlot, zone the ground around that commercial feedlot and that commercial feedlot and maintain..say that they will be in business from this day forward and they will not be hampered or put out of business by people who come in and buy a quarter section next to them, put on a housing project, and suddenly drive them out. The farm land that sets right next to a commercial lot in Sarpy County, and I will speak of this county because I'm very well acquainted with it, carries the valuation of \$700 or \$800, but if you have land that is two miles from these feedlots, your land may be worth \$1000, \$2000, \$5000, or \$6000 an acre. All I want is so that when we have a feedlot come into our county, set up, that the people will know and that feedlot will know that he can stay there and not be moved out. Now, I want to set this up and I want it locally controlled. I want the people in my district to control it. They are the ones that do it and they are the ones that know the needs. I was thinking of putting in a bill for the whole state, but this cannot be. This will leave it for the local planning board and the local zoning board. I think it is, probably, one of the finest things that we can do to guarantee free enterprise. We wouldn't go into a city and let a city develop without having zoning for the city. Our area is developing very fast and we certainly need some zoning for industry, for commercial feedlots, for the farmers, etc., and that's the reason I would like to talk about this bill on the floor of the Legislature.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Can we have a little discourse...push the chair around.

SPEAKER PROUD: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Senator Keyes, I not opposed to your bill. Every county who has feeding which we have substantial in my county have the same problems. I really don't see and I don't know where you could have 93 different zoning and 93 different environmental things pertaining to the same subject.

SENATOR KEYES: They will all have to, Senator Carpenter, they will all have to follow the EPA, the Federal regulations on the EPA, but it will simply mean that Sarpy county's zoning board can come out...or their planning committee can come out and say that this land here is going to be designated for commercial cattle feeding. Commercial..and no way can you come in there and in the next five years or the next ten years come in and put in a development and say, "Hey, I've got a