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asked to be heard on the issue and Senator Johnson wants to talk also. Senator Johnson, maybe you'd like to yield the floor to Senator Dickinson and then maybe you can close and that will do it? All right, Senator Dickinson, we're now back to you, 449 as amended.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I think maybe, I'd like to ask a question of any one of our many legal minds in the body to clarify specifically just who and what sort of a district this would pertain to. It appears to me it could be possible it could pertain to sanitary improvement districts. We have, in southeast Nebraska we have some rural water districts--would anyone care to comment on that? This may have much wider connotation than we've been talking about I believe.

PRESIDENT: Anybody care to respond to Senator Dickinson's question?

SENATOR DICKINSON: If not, I would...

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you care to respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is why I think we ought to take the amendment off on Select File.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I don't understand that comment but I guess it doesn't matter. Well, I'm opposed to the bill on the basis of local control and not telling all these people in the State of Nebraska that we don't think they have sense enough to decide for themselves about an issue like this and that's what it really amounts to. I mean, they're intelligent, the citizens of Nebraska and all our small, medium sized and smaller municipalities and even large ones if they don't happen to have fluoridation. Senator Chambers, for your benefit, I voted for the amendment on the capital abuse bill so I'm consistent. Senator Cavanaugh mentioned something about the--where did he go?--about the health and welfare people. I've talked to several ladies particularly in the last couple of weeks that tell me they sincerely believe that cheap meat is essential to the health and welfare of the people so therefore they're in favor of the thing that we sent five people to Washington this morning to oppose. Now, this noon during this short noon hour that I did have after a committee meeting, I called several people in my own district in the smaller towns. I found people to my amazement that knew nothing about this and when I thought about it, this wasn't so amazing because what way and means do these people have of knowing these things if they don't have a hired lobbyist down here to support them. They don't have. And of course, this had to be a quick comment on the parts of the people I talked to that didn't know about the bill but their comment was that they thought their towns and their town boards on which they served would be opposed to this. So for these reasons I have to oppose the bill as it now stands.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, my only comment, I'd like to answer Senator Dickinson is that evidently he's not aware that we do have staff and we also have the Attorney General's office where if he has a question on a bill he can always take it to one of them members or an area like that and get the answer. It's evident that his vote isn't going to help advance this so if he does have a question about the bill I'm sure he's got plenty of time before it gets over to Final and I'd like to tell him if he needs help in getting an answer for the bill he can get it from the Attorney General's office or some of the legislative staff.