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SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The amendment that Senator Barnett has is an issue that this Body must decide and if you do decide it and attach it to LB826, I would be hopeful that in no way would you have second thoughts and fail to cast your vote as your decide....as you desire on LB826. LB826 is a very important bill for the upgrading of the mobile homes so that they are properly inspected by state inspectors whether they come into this state or whether they're built in this state. Some of the homes that are built outside of this state are brought to Nebraska because we do not have this inspection until we pass LB826. So it is extremely important for the safety and the welfare of those people who purchase mobile homes to make their homes to live in that we have this safe and have it state inspected by the Health Department. And as we discussed LB826 the other day, we did take off the modular homes but we are very, very cognizant of the fact that there are dangers and that Nebraska has become to some degree a dumping ground from other states where they do have these inspections but can get by in Nebraska. So I would urge you to consider this amendment of Senator Barnett's very carefully but we do need LB826 to be passed this Final form as soon as possible.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator Burbach a question if he would yield. Now, are we....I think last year in our Budget Committee we did have a bill giving some consumer protection to the mobile home buyer. Are we providing any FTE's or full time employees to do this inspecting?

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Nore, the State Health Department are in charge of the responsibility for inspection of these motor vehicle homes. The cost is borne by the manufacturer or the man before he sells it. It is not a cost to the individual. That is, new homes that go out and are sold from day to day but this is a cost of the manufacturer, cost of the building of a home and it provides the safety then for those people who occupy those dwellings.

SENATOR NORE: I haven't....I shouldn't say this probably, I haven't read the bill but does....does it also inspect the quality of construction of the mobile home?

SENATOR BURBACH: This is right. It inspects the home from one end to the other and it is...the industry itself came to me with this bill and they want this bill, want it very badly because they want to upgrade their product rather than let it become a dumping ground or that we have carelessness within some of the manufacturers. But those people who are interested in mobile homes, they have an association and they want the best for those people. It's an upgrading effect.

SENATOR NORE: Fine, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? On the amendment? Senator Barnett, do you wish to close on your amendment? He's waving closing. Those in favor of adopting the Barnett amendment vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. This motion takes 25 votes. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, Mr. President.