

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will please come to order. Record your presence. Record your presence. Have you all recorded your presence? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President. Mr. President, Senator Goodrich asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 795 in the Legislative Journal. Senator Koch asks unanimous consent to print amendments to 846 in the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cope. We are still on the raising of 728. Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, Senator Burrows, I can agree with you on part of your bill. I wish it were divided so that we could talk about alien landowners. I agree there with you 100 percent. I wish there was some way, and I'm sure there is, to take care of that. Those are the people that I'm worried about, mainly because at the present time they have lots of money and they can afford to let this land lie for quite a few years. Owners or stockholders in corporations in domesticated is a different story. They are going to have to produce or else they are not going to be satisfied. Then they just give it up. An example of that, of course, is the Gase Rubber Company. I wish that we could spend our time on alien landowners. We were in Mexico over Christmas. In Mexico you....

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Cope. Could we have more order on the floor.

SENATOR COPE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: In Mexico you can't even buy a house until you've lived in the country for six years. You can't even get a job until you've lived there two years. I wasn't looking for one, but it was interesting to...probably pay more than what pay is here. But it can be done because other countries are doing it. I think that is the crux of the thing. As to the corporate farm setup, can I ask you a question, Senator Burrows. This is an example. I own a farm. I've had it for 20 years. I don't live on it. It isn't incorporated. What would be my situation in your bill?

SENATOR BURROWS: It would not affect you in any way, period.

SENATOR COPE: Well then I'd have to ask this, why shouldn't it? If it were incorporated it would. Right?

SENATOR BURROWS: If it were incorporated it would not affect you in any way because the present ownership...we don't want to disrupt the economic activity of the state. Present ownership by the corporation is grandfathered in by the bill. I feel that we've got a good rationale for that because it would disrupt economic activity to close it back out.

SENATOR COPE: All right. I'll ask this question, after the bill would go in...the law would go into effect, if it were not incorporated, what would be the effect then?

SENATOR BURROWS: If it were not incorporated?

SENATOR COPE: Yes.