

to the large elevators at the expense of the small ones. I think, also, if this bill is passed, our Nebraska system will be weakened because many of these are going to go to a federal registry. They're not going to stay under the State registry. In fact, many of them can't; they'll be forced to go someplace else. Right now the largest purchaser of grain in the State of Nebraska is not covered by any bond, I believe. That's ADM; they buy more grain than any other organization in the State of Nebraska. We're not talking about covering them. If we speak of the inspections that's supposed to be part of this bill, I understood that one member of the Public Service Commission said that they weren't concerned about training their people for inspections. Now if you're going to train somebody to inspect an audit and another one to inspect the hazardous conditions in the elevator, they need some training for it. And it would be considerable training because as far as the dust is concerned, we don't really know how much dust is involved to create an explosion. A small amount of dust can be as explosive as a large amount of dust. Furthermore, if anybody is concerned about the danger of explosions on an elevator, certainly the owners of the elevator today understand this better than anybody else because they and their families work there every day of the week. You might have an elevator that's perfectly clean one day when inspector comes in. You might have some grain unloaded the night, be enough dust or before the next day, be enough dust to cause an explosion. It's an unnecessary cost. Besides that, the Public Service Commission can already inspect any time they want to. I think we're putting a tremendous burden on the small independent elevators with no benefit to the farmers. And I think this is bad legislation. As I say, I think the coops are in here with soiled hands. The livestock feeders, in my opinion, are certainly in here with soiled hands and I think that the Public Service Commission, a couple of members on the Public Service Commission should be embarrassed with the stand that they have taken. I urge you to defeat LB 73 and with that, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a second motion on the bill. Senator Haberman would move to return the bill for an amendment. Page 11, line 16, change the word "five" to "six".

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am not going to cast any slurs on anyone and I wish to speak to the merits of the bill because I don't feel that the Public Service Commission's hands are soiled. The livestock