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But I would like to ask Senator Pappas, if he is anywhere near, a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll ask Senator Baack. He is here and he can answer, too.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, would you respond?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baack, were Initiative 300 not a part of the Constitution, do you think this bill would be before us today?

SENATOR BAACK: It may be, yes, because it just spells out what...it goes through the hoops. It statutorily puts into place what it takes to form a business trust in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was this bill triggered by the presence of Initiative 300 in the Constitution?

SENATOR BAACK: I don't know. I can't answer that. I don't know if it was or not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you suspect that it was? You're up front all the time, straightforward. We suspect it, don't we?

SENATOR BAACK: It probably made us more aware of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, without Initiative 300, I guarantee you this bill would not be before us today. They couldn't get a couple of propositions out of the Agriculture Committee because the Agriculture Committee was a bit more concerned about what the public had shown through its vote in favor of Initiative 300, thereby making it a part of the Constitution. My feeling is that that proposition needs some additional time to work. The public had to do it by means of initiative petition because the Legislature refused to do anything about it. Then the legislators began to say, had we been given time, we would have done something about the problem. Now the Legislature is showing what bad faith is by trying to undercut and undermine Initiative 300 and I think we're going to be back...