

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Now we're talking here just on a county basis, do these particular agencies, do they remember to renew their nonprofit status with the state each time that that comes around? I know that they are contacted through...they appoint a registered agent, do they forget to register as a nonprofit? Do you know that?

SENATOR WARNER: That I could not answer, Senator. I do not know.

SENATOR HILLMAN: So you're only aware of the county problem?

SENATOR WARNER: That's the only one that I have read about in the paper and I...after I had initially drafted an amendment, one of the churches involved, the minister did contact me and I indicated that I was preparing an amendment, but...

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, thank you. Thank you. I have been a staff person in volunteer organizations for quite a few years and one of the things that you'll find over and over with volunteer organizations is volunteers are very great people, be it a church or other nonprofits, and they do have a turnover, but they have a tendency to be very active in their cause and what it is they're wanting to do, but they also have a tendency to be very lax in the legal part. And it's extremely important that those people that apply for a nonprofit status that they do go ahead and comply with those rules and regulations, that they recognize the laws and they all have boards of directors and that it's their responsibility to do this, to conduct business in a businesslike manner because most of them are in a business of some sort, be it a church or what have you. They have huge budgets. They should have good, I think, management policies and the way that they do business in their particular...just because they're a nonprofit doesn't, I don't think, make them exempt. And, Senator Beutler, I am from the Panhandle, I will be one of those that is supporting the bill. What I think we should do is to seriously look at each case as it comes up and I will be asking for a statute and looking at some of the irrigation problems in western Nebraska and I would hope that the body will look at that case when it comes, the different points in it, and why we're asking for some special legislation