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I'm not an expert on the various standards that are used either for homes in general or for manufactured housing in particular. I guess my reaction would be that if there are standards that are different for manufactured homes, they are standards that are different because the federal government has set them there and I believe that the way that the courts are moving is that states are preempted from imposing their standards on a manufactured home anyway because the federal government has set those standards and they don't allow the states to differ from those. So I think that's a limited answer to your question, but that's my understanding.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Senator Schimek, members of the body, I've handed out a sheet that Senator Robinson referenced about the manufacturing housing that's taken place in the state and I hand this out for really a couple of reasons and the first thing I need to do is apologize to Senator Vrtiska who has come over to tell me he has a manufacturing company in his area that's actually addressed in Kansas but sits in Nebraska, so please keep that in mind as we look at these numbers. One of the numbers I want you to look at in particular is the fact that of the 3,532 homes built in Nebraska, 607 of those were actually shipped to Nebraska retailers. One of the reasons for that is that our codes are not in line with the federal codes and we are forced to ship many of those homes outside the state and we all know, in my area in Grand Island in particular, we are suffering from housing shortages and we're looking for ways in which to put in HUD areas for elderly and for people who are in the lower income categories. So I would encourage you to support LB 511, considering those two points, that in fact, we are, obviously, doing a fine job, have a strong contribution to our economy and yet we are shipping most of those homes outside of our state and, secondly, because I believe it is time and certainly appropriate for us to consider that, we have those shortages and that this is one option that we should allow within those communities. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Pedersen is next.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Senator Schimek, members of the body, I have two mobile home parks in my district which has mostly people on fixed incomes living in them. I rise to support 511 because