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these people are having an awful hard time finding housing that is suitable for them at a price that they can afford. After spending some time with these people and going through their homes, they are very beautiful homes. They are very nice homes. I've never lived in one myself. I was really kind of amazed at how really nice they are. They set them on basements, they set them on foundations and we have these people who are scared to death especially that live in the areas in my district that the mobile home park is going to sell, move, and they are going to be lost again. On fixed income, it's going to cost them somewhere in the neighborhood for a single wide, \$1,500, 2,000 and double that for a double wide to move. I support this bill for one reason. If they have to move, let's let them to move to a place where they can buy some property, set down and stay and not have to constantly worry about where they are going to move, who is going to sell the property. We need to do this for our lower income people and our people on fixed income. It's a very, very necessary thing. And I wish that some of you had a chance to speak with some of these people who live in this housing and some of the fear that they have without having some support. I carried two bills last year that have not gone anywhere in this same area and 511 is a bill that I think can help them. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Senator Will, I recognize.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, again I rise in support of LB 511. Just to reiterate a couple of the reasons behind the bill and to, I think hopefully, allay some of the fears that have been expressed about it. The manufactured housing market is controlled by Congress as far as the standards for the building of these units. There are federal standards that apply uniformly across the United States that, in essence, prohibit states or local subdivisions from applying any differing standards to the manufactured homes that are erected in a specific state, in a specific city. This would statutorily recognize that fact, that local ordinances and state ordinances across the country that have addressed the issue of manufactured housing in a different manner from that in which the federal government controls it are being struck down by state courts and I think this is simply a recognition that those decisions, striking down those ordinances, are proper. They are in line with federal law and simply federal law does not allow discrimination against the manufactured housing as Nebraska would not under LB 511 which would prohibit local subdivisions