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I would rise in support of the motion to send the bill back to the committee. I believe, as has been pointed out by Senator Koch and Senator Simon, there are many widespread ramifications of the bill I think that would have an impact upon an industry which is a very important industry in this state but I think that when we pass such legislation we should view very carefully what impact it may have upon the manufacturer, dealer and customer. I think as was pointed out fourteen days to correct a defect can be almost an impossibility to achieve for anyone. You can't even get the parts sometimes in a case like that for a piece of farm equipment so I think that one little item highlights some of the other problems that might develop in the bill. I do not think that we should pass the bill in haste. If the bill is a necessary bill, I am sure the Public Health Committee can review it this summer and come back with a better piece of legislation. Therefore, at this time I support the Simon motion and ask it to be sent back to the Public Health Committee.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Clark, you are next. However, before you speak, I would like to introduce a guest of Senator Simon. In the North balcony 13 junior and senior high school students from Elkhorn, Nebraska, Paula Grant, instructor. Would you stand and be recognized please? Senator Clark, do you wish to proceed?

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members, I really don't agree with Senator Simon very normally but I certainly do on this. I think he will agree to that, too. Really what this is at the present time, I have gotten a lot of calls from RV dealers out in my district that this is a harassment bill more than anything else and it does seem funny you just pick on one, RV dealers. You don't pick on automobiles or household appliances or tractors, combines, irrigation equipment or whatever you have to do this same thing and I think we did put the bill out in haste because we didn't have any opposition. We really didn't hear the facts. The idea was that these outside manufacturers would come in and put a vehicle on a local dealer's property and it was defective and he wouldn't do anything about it and that is not really the case. The dealers tell me that they deal with the RV dealer just like they do the automobile dealers and they get those things replaced anyway. I think it would be an awfully good idea to come back and have another public hearing or study on it to find out really what the trouble is before we do put something out in haste and then we are going to be sorry for it and I certainly support Senator Simon in his effort