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to take it back to the Public Health and Welfare Committee. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Cope, did you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I agree with Senator Simon and, of course, with Senator Koch. I had the opportunity three years ago to work with one of the two mobile home manufacturers in Nebraska. This was located at Ravenna. Because of some of the regulations that the Legislature had placed on manufacturers, they had very fine cooperation from the Health Department and from the Association of RVs, nationally. They did a great job and I think they should at least know what is going on, have the opportunity. I can't quite understand because at the present time mobile homes are checked very carefully by federal regulations and our State Health Department also check these mobile homes, not only the ones made in Nebraska which are few, but also federally, They have to have a tag. They have to be inspected and I would like to know more about it. One of the big reasons, too, is that what we are doing is adding on that \$50 or \$25 or whatever it is to the price of the mobile home. There is no other way. The dealer has to add on these extra costs. There is just no way in the world that he can operate without doing it so what we are doing, maybe for a very small percentage of the RV manufacturers that are honest and reliable, that very small percent that possibly, and I say possibly, are not, the great majority of the public are paying for this through those extra costs by these extra regulations or laws, in this case, that we are passing. I would ask that you support Senator Simon's amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kelly, did you wish to speak to this?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, and members of the Nebraska Legislature, as introducer of LB 418, I would like to review a little bit what LB 418 is and where it is and why it is there and I will start with where Senator Koch, correction, Senator Cope alluded to the cooperation that happened three years ago and the fact it was four years ago when the Public Health and Welfare Committee was reworking the mobile home and the RV codes, and in request from the industry of recreational vehicles, the committee removed requirements for recreational vehicles from the law at that time under the understanding of the cooperation that Senator Cope talks about that in the ensuing years then the recreational vehicle