

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I want to help Senator Sieck with this bill. Senator, can you answer a question for me?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes.

SENATOR KEYES: In Section 2, a group home may be established and operated in any residential zone within the established zoning jurisdiction of any city. Now will that mean if the zoning laws in the City of Papillion were such that a group home could not be established, would this override that?

SENATOR SIECK: This would override that, yes.

SENATOR KEYES: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body and Senator Sieck I know that you have a very deep interest in the less fortunate but I do have an incidence to tell you about that happened in, not really in my district, but in Senator Kremer's and my area at Nelson, Nebraska. You can see after I tell you about this why some of the neighbors are reluctant to have such a facility or home next to their dwelling. It seems that in the south-central mental health area they purchased a home or leased a home in Nelson to house some of the people that are down there and most of them work in Superior, Nebraska but are housed in Nelson. It all depends I guess on the supervision of that facility on what happens there, but this is difficult. Many of these people are similar to what a large family would be of children. In one case one of the residents threw rocks at the neighbors, similar to what Johnny might do. One incident that did happen in the middle of the night, and of course this could be classed as carelessness, one of the residents got ahold of the car keys to a stationwagon and at 4:30 in the morning got that stationwagon started and evidently had all of his feet on the accelerator, roared across the street, took an ornamental evergreen tree down and crashed into a house. Well you can't imagine the damage that did to the house. It moved it on the foundation, it cracked every block at ground level it had asbestos siding on it and it cracked every piece of the siding in fact the engineer, or the insurance adjustor came and said it is beyond me. Well I also have a soft spot in my heart for the less fortunate and Senator Kremer and myself went down to Nelson and met with the city council and those that were unhappy. I think after visiting they did feel a little bit better about it. But the citizens around there were locking up their houses and were in fear of what might happen to them. We hope that that won't happen again. But I guess I wanted to tell the body about this incident because it can