

I can agree with everything that has been said, however, there are companies in this state that are selling this kind of equipment that the equipment just plain old doesn't work. Having had first hand information with it, I know this is true but until such time as these devices are working and are doing what they say they will do, I am hesitant to push this off on the people in the State of Nebraska. Now people look at us even though they might not have much regard for this body, they still look at us as studying some of these situations so that we are saying to them, ladies and gentlemen in the State of Nebraska, here is something you can rely on when this is not what we are saying. At least that is what I am not saying, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Reutzel if he would answer a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: I will attempt it.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Reutzel, this bill as I understand it deals with only exemptions for the equipment installed. Is that correct?

SENATOR REUTZEL: It would exempt those improvements designed for energy conservation.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, only improvements now, we are only talking about improvements. Are there any other provisions to this? Does it allow for any other provisions at all? Is it limited in that way only?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well I guess I don't follow your line. (inaudible).for example.

SENATOR NEWELL: How does this differ from the constitutional proposal that was on the ballot two years ago?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well that proposal was, I believe, Senator Jack Mills' proposal which lost by I think about five thousand votes statewide. That dealt only with solar energy improvements. This particular provision would allow us to come back and say we could...we might not include solar but we could come back and say wind generation, solar, heat pumps, home insulation and the list goes on. That is up to the Legislature to decide. That provision that you are referring to was Senator Mills' and that as I recall, only dealt with solar.