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the soil yet it didn't do it. I thought we cleared it up so that anything that comes in here has to be beneficial to and meet the...do what it says. I don't know. That's all I guess I've got the answer on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President and members, I would like to ask Senator Lamb a question, if I may. Senator Lamb, you indicated in your answer to Senator Beutler, I think, that there were some less than reputable companies that might distribute fertilizer in the State of Nebraska. Now with your amendment, do you think that that is going to actually give the Department of Agriculture the tools that they need if there is a fly-by-night type operation that chooses to cross the Kansas line, let's say, and sell some fertilizer directly to a farmer in the McCook area? How are we going to enforce the sections of LB 889?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Senator Vickers, as I think you are aware, the State Department of Agriculture does sample these products in various locations around the state primarily at the dealers' locations, and yes, I believe that this bill is probably...maybe it might not guarantee a hundred percent that every product that comes into this state is exactly as it should be, but there will be spot checks made so that to the best of our ability that will be the result of the bill.

SENATOR VICKERS: But if, in fact, a distributor would sell it directly to the farmer, then there wouldn't be any sample by the department. Wouldn't that be correct?

SENATOR LAMB: Under the law then the distributor would be required to register. So this then does, and this strikes at the very heart of the bill and the very purpose of the bill, that this gives the State Department of Agriculture then the authority to require that the product be registered and then therefore the department will have the opportunity to sample that product and certainly be a protection to the farmers of the state.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Lamb. I have a little bit of problem with some other sections of this bill but I certainly support Senator Lamb and the amendment that he is offering. I think it tightens it down considerably and would urge the body's support of Senator Lamb's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan. Senator Kahle.