

and it is still good. But even if it was sour it could be used for a number of things as food. So this is just once incidence where you can see where the waste occurs. We all have used day old bread. Bread and bakery products are good for a number of days. With the modern technology of putting things in the process of baking the dough the shelf life is much longer. Dented cans, of course, are another thing that are generally thrown away. One of the examples in the article of the paper is that bottles that are perhaps broken in shipment may stain the labels. Maybe there is only one bottle broken in the whole case and it stains the labels on the other bottles in that case and has to be thrown away. So the idea of this bill is to let those stores that wish to donate the food to an agency for distribution to those that need it. It does relieve them of some of the responsibility and the liability that they have. And, of course, this is the key to the bill, and if there is no...if they have no change in the liability and they are still liable for a lawsuit for that food they are not going to probably give it away. They will throw it in the dump. I know there is some criticism and some fear among some of our Senators, especially attorneys, that we are relieving them of the liability and we should do that, and I understand there will be some amendments coming on this. But I, for a long time, have thought that we waste too much food in this United States of ours. I said in the committee hearing that my mother taught me it was a sin to waste food, and if that is the case why we are wasting a lot of food. We all know that. I think we have enough food in this country to feed many more people than we are feeding if we were to use it all instead of throwing it away. We just had an accident on the highway not too far from where I live where a semi went off the road and upset in the ice and snow conditions and I am sure much of that canned food was thrown away because the cans had gotten dirty on the outside and were perhaps dented somewhat. So what this bill is trying to do is to allow the grocery stores, those handlers of food, warehouses, to give it away, no cost whatsoever to agencies that would distribute it. It sounds too easy because we know that we have people that can use that food. Many of our elderly we hear every day in the Legislature about those that need help and are going hungry. We have heard many stories of people eating dog food to survive. Yesterday we had a bill on shoplifting and it was said during the debate that if a person was starving to death he might have a reason to steal food and to shoplift. I would hope that this would