

away and should have no responsibility for the food once they have given it away. Now the entity, we will say a church, who is distributing the food should be held responsible for that and this could be covered by an insurance policy very simply, and I think should be covered because they could very well pass food on that would be injurious to the public, perhaps even kill some people, and they should be responsible which could be covered very simply by liability insurance. Why would it not be well to leave the word "gross" in the first portion but take "gross" out in the second portion. In other words....do you follow me?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes. I think I do follow you, and I think it might make sense but I'd have to look at it for 30 seconds.

SENATOR NICHOL: I think maybe Senator Kahle might be interested in this. I don't want to take the floor's time. Maybe we could talk about this.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, I would like to speak to the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR KAHLE: I think that the tougher we make it for the store, let's say, to give the food away, the more we hurt the bill. I would be much more in favor of what Senator Nichol says that we put the liability on those that actually distribute the food. They are the ones that are going to have to guarantee its wholesomeness anyhow. I understand that right now Congregate Meals, Meals on Wheels and a number of those agencies that are going to handle this food have to have liability insurance and I certainly wouldn't object to that. I think they are the ones that should be responsible. They should have a nutritionist on their staff and a few other things to make sure that that food is wholesome. I believe they are willing to do this from what I have discussed with them. So I think that that would be a much better way to go than to put the liability on that grocery store because they really can't tell what is going to happen to that food once it leaves their shelves.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.