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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers. I called for Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support this amendment. I believe it adequately alleviates the concerns that several of us were having that this bill would affect some of the smaller businesses of the State of Nebraska that do not contribute to the litter problem. And even though I still have concerns with Section 10 and the fact that I think we are going to overregulate a lot of people, at least this is a legitimate attempt, I think, to alleviate some of those problems, and I would urge the body's adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I really don't understand what we are doing. If a retail store with large assets manufactures throw away cans and throw away bottles, or sells throw away cans and throw away bottles and you buy them from this large establishment and go out and throw them in the ditch, then this establishment pays a fee to go out and pick it up. But if you buy those cans and throw away bottles from a small shop and you throw them out in the ditch, that is perfectly all right. That litter is not unacceptable. I just have a hard time finding...figuring out the logic of this amendment, Senator Hoagland. Litter is litter. It is just as bad if it comes from a small store as if it comes from a large store. I don't see any two classes of litter, a better class of litter and a poorer class of litter. And that is what we are doing here. If you happened to buy that throw away can or bottle from a momma and poppa shop and throw it in the streets and on my lawn Saturday night so that I have to pick it up Sunday morning, that is perfectly okay, that's acceptable, that's clean litter. Well that can is just as unsightly to me as the can that came from the big grocery store. I just fail to...I just fail to fathom the logic of this amendment. Now I've failed to fathom the logic of this body in this particular issue in the past and I suppose I will...I should cease being surprised. But this amendment is one of the most inconsistent things on this bill I have seen across. If the bill is sound, if we have got a thing that supposedly is going to work some time in the future and they told us three years, that three years from now it would be cleaned up, and now they are telling us it is going to take a longer time, and if it is a solid, sound concept, then how in the world can we start exempting certain types of throw away cans and throw away