

so-called doublewide unit, \$14,320. By contrast the average price for a new conventional house in 1975 was \$42,600." The Bar goes on to state this, "That mobile homes have come to play such a large role in the housing market is in itself remarkable. The mobile home and its residents exist in a hostile cultural and legal atmosphere and mobile homes have still not overcome their early image as trailers existing in dense and unsightly courts or parks populated by transients commonly thought to be undesirable additions to a community. The persistence of this image in spite of the changing character of mobile home parks and their residents is reflected in extraordinary legal framework." Well, one of the problems that some mobile homes have in our state is that there is no zoning, there is no zoning in cities to allow for the placement of mobile homes on individually owned lots. It just doesn't exist. So what LB 298 does, it says real simple, it is a very simple bill. It just says, "Look!, city officials, make sure that you provide some places for mobile homes in your city and those places can be in mobile home parks and they can also assure that there will be some lots where a mobile home owner can go out and buy a lot and then put a home, a mobile home on the lot. It is a very, very simple bill that is frankly designed to insure a better place in society for the kind of housing that a lots of folk from economic necessity and desire are now acquiring. Now two days ago I passed literature out on this bill. I thought it was going to be the next bill up. The afternoon was kind of coming to a close and it looked to me like there would be enough time to take it up but there wasn't. So you will probably find on your desk or in your vest pockets or in your briefcases a little folder on mobile homes. You may want to take a look at it. Mobile homes, as you can see, are very attractive. They are nice looking housing. There is nothing in this bill which says that mobile homes have got to be scattered throughout any community but they, at least, have got to have some place where they can be located in every community. I have a small technical amendment to the bill which I would like to offer at this time. It is an amendment which is on the Clerk's desk and what it does, very simply, is on Page 2, line 14, it strikes the words "Such districts" and just says instead "At least one such district in the municipality", and that means very simply that we want to make certain that there is at least one zoning district in an area that allows for special mobile home zoning. And in addition, I am going to strike the emergency clause frankly to give the municipalities time to make the little adjustments they have to make to their zoning laws so that they can assure full compliance with the legislation. At this time I