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SENATOR KAHLE: But if you do have zoning ordinances, you would have to do it?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: You have to provide some place for mobile homes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cope, did you want to talk on the amendment? Senator Rumery, on the amendment.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question or two, if I might.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR RUMERY: Do we, in fact, need a state law for this? Do not the city councils and the county commissioners have the authority now to make such zoning regulations?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR RUMERY: What is the purpose of the law then?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: To make certain that they do it. The purpose of the law, Senator Rumery, is very simple. Lincoln, for example, makes no allowance for the placement of mobile homes in the city. That is true for Omaha. There is no allowance for the placement of mobile homes in the city. Yes, the city councils have the authority to do it. No, they don't allow it. They don't do it because mobile homes are not very popular among elected officials.

SENATOR RUMERY: I wonder if we couldn't wait a little while and see if private enterprise and local government might take care of it.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, we could wait to see if the courts would do it. Now that is what has happened in some states. The courts literally have compelled this kind of zoning because they claim that for cities not to allow it is to discriminate both on an economic status but more importantly on a type of structure for which there is no reason or basis for discrimination.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.