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going to tell the members of the Legislature what we can accomplish if you vote in favor of this motion. The bill will, in effect, be dead but those who really want the bill, those who have been involved in the trading and so forth can move to reconsider and bring it up at a later date. But the wrongful use of the system that is occurring today will have been postponed and put aside. It will not be allowed to go forth as it has now and I think the bill itself ought to be killed because it has no merit. It is a bill contrary to what Senator DeCamp said which will hurt the people in the area that I live and other poor people who don't live in the area that I live in. He wants to talk about having come through my district before either one of us was in the Legislature. That is before anybody knew him. He can come back again now and he doesn't have to come with me but I think any of the senators who come ought to identify themselves as members of the Nebraska Legislature. I will go through any of your districts. When I ran for Governor and went all over western Nebraska driving the roads by myself at night, they knew who I was and they had resentment toward me and some of them would express it but I didn't have the fear to face the people who said that they disliked me and I didn't do it from a distance. I went out there where they were and I talked to them and I said the same thing in their midst hundreds of miles from my home, alone, that I would say from the floor of this Legislature or anywhere else because what I believe I believe wherever I am and I think this bill is perverse. I think it even ties in with fears that some people have that Omaha might try to annex Ralston and that was even brought out prior to the introduction of the bill. So there are a lot of factors that are playing in this issue but the ones who will be lost and hurt are not the individual members of the Legislature but the individuals who are going to have to pay a cent and a half more tax than what the state says would have to be paid for something you buy. I see a lot of these people who are poor and I talk to I had made a reference about the danger to certain them. politicians in this country and that reminds me of, I think it was Nixon, who was talking about Castro and what a terrible fellow he was and how unfair he was on the Cuban people that they needed somebody better than him. As people in this Legislature say to try to say my district needs somebody better than me to represent them. So Castro said, "I will tell you one thing. You cannot ride through the streets of Harlem wearing a bullet proof vest but I can walk through any street of Havana in a t-shirt. Now that should tell us something. When we have to hide from the people that we call ourselves representing, then our actions show that we are not representing the people at all. And bills like this one, LB 40, which will be given serious consideration by this Legislature show what a travesty this system is. A system should have built

into it some safeguards to ensure justice and fairness to

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