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reason the emergency clause truly is not necessary. At this time I would move my amendment to 298.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, when this bill was up the first time, I spoke against it and it certainly is not because I do not like mobile homes. Mobile homes have done a great deal for the City of Kearney. With a growing college, with growing industry, I don't know how we could have gotten along without mobile homes but I cannot go along with this bill for one reason and that is again the Legislature telling city councils how they can zone. I will oppose this. I will oppose any bill that where we believe we know more about that particular city or town than the people that are elected to run it do. I believe that almost every town of any size at all, cities, have zoning regulations now. They have comprehensive plans, and if something like this should be passed, you are going to put them in quite a situation, believe me. I know that in Kearney we have areas, we have zoning for mobile homes. It is carried out very well. I think everyone is happy as far as I have known. I have had not one complaint. And I haven't had a complaint from any other town in my district. So all I am asking is let's stick to the business of running the state and let's let local government run local government.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I, like Senator Cope, spoke against this bill on the first time around but my good friend Senator Johnson has, I think, approached most of the objections I had with his amendments. I think with the amendments, if they pass, the bill will be more palatable. In visiting with people back home, I find out that there is a need for this, that in many areas there is just no way that mobile homes can exist. That is wrong. We are keeping a lot of people out of housing because that is the only route available to them. This housing is good housing. It is substantial. It is economical and it just may absolutely be the only game in town for a lot of people. I don't want to be a party to that and so I am going to support Senator Johnson's amendment, and if it is successful, I am going to enthusiastically, Senator Johnson, support your bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, I would like a question