

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you for your questions or for your answers. I think we have got something here that is very broad and I think that this body needs to recognize that there are some dangerous things in 253 as it applies to private landowners. Now I suppose people can make the argument that nobody is going to bring up that situation, but when you have people bringing up arguments against feedlots because of the smell and various other activities that agriculture gets into, then it is a real possibility it seems to me that somebody could also bring up the fact that certain things are eyesores in the community and use this sort of a legislation to impose a penalty on people and I think that is wrong and I think this body should reject LB 253.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck, and then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, stand opposed to this amendment or this bill. I have got to congratulate Senator DeCamp for trying. I think he is trying his utmost to get the job done but I don't feel he is going to get the job done. I feel that we have got to come to a better system. We have got to find the causes of the litter being out there. The jerks and so on that are throwing the litter out there on the highways and roadsides, they are the causes, and if we would have a deposit on these containers, I think it will solve the problem. I would like to read to you a part of an editorial. "To hope that placing more litter barrels along highways and in public places will solve the problem of irresponsible, mindless spaceheads throwing beer cans and bottles out of cars seems to be the ultimate in wishful thinking. Those who haven't the intelligence to quit drinking while driving around in an automobile are certainly not going to be impressed with more litter barrels. To these idiots even a deposit probably wouldn't do very much but it could help since money can make an impression even on the hardest of heads." And that is true. I hear some comments in the back of me here but that is very true. Money counts and I know that these young people would be picking up these cans and these bottles and would be cleaning up our roadsides. "A beverage container deposit law would do more to solve the litter problem in the state than all the litter barrels we can find in the whole U.S. It is about time that we figured out that to simply assess some business to pay for litter will only result in more consumer cost and no reduction in litter. The assessment should come at the source of the litter, the consumer who purchases those items which cause the most problems." I happen to have a son-in-law who operates a 7-Eleven store