

I would hope that some of the rest of you would join in and emphasize our concern that the Department of Agriculture not be...well then, I guess you would say have better things to do perhaps than go out to Bruno, Nebraska, and inspect the duck dinner that has been served out there every year for eighty years to determine whether or not my constituents know how to prepare those ducks. We've never had any problem with those annual festivities. They have been a sort of a historical event. They have taken place throughout the State of Nebraska for many years. We've never had any problem and we would have just as soon exempted the entire inspection proceeding frankly if we could have done it but there are times when a church will, for example, have a stand at the Wilber Czech Days where the food is not prepared and served within the facility. Under those conditions the Department felt that they needed to have the ability to perform those inspections. The Department agrees with us that there is very little if any reason for them to inspect the food in the facilities that are being prepared on site of the church or the charitable organization. I wish that we could just exempt them totally. If you can find a way to do it as we proceed in this area I will be glad to look at it but we know some of the problems that we would run into. But Senator Remmers and Senator Peterson thought this was probably about as good as we could do. We also under Section 17 is the repealer and Section 18 adds the emergency clause. It is important that we have that. At this time, Senator Remmers, would you care to comment on your section of the bill? Then I would ask Senator Peterson and Senator Don Wagner to comment also.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the section that Senator Peterson and I were particularly interested in pertained to the inspections of the food stands that were promoted by the church groups or band parents organizations at county fairs. I do not agree with the Department of Agriculture that they need the kind of inspection they think they need in regard to the food stands as far as the food not being prepared on the grounds. For instance last year the people were told that they could no longer bake their pies at home. Those of us that have attended county fairs, church suppers and the like realize that this is rather ridiculous. I think all of us would feel a lot safer eating a pie that is prepared by a church group or the members at home than we would feel in any commercial restaurant. As far as the cases of food poisoning we've had in the State of Nebraska, I don't know if any of them have been connected to this type of an activity. The food poisonings that we have