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is trying to put back into statutes some of those things we struck when we passed 487 last year and simply this bill just does is to put these sections back in and we had a series of meetings with the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, the Fire Marshall, instead of bringing something like this on the floor for a lot of debate we've had those series of meetings with these people to make sure we got these sections that are agreeable with them and if you notice, maybe this is not in the bill book yet, but when we had the hearing on 897 there was nobody opposed to this bill and that is from Sections 1 to 14 and I would encourage the adoption of these sections.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to close on the motion to advance the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would have to agree with much of what Senator Wesely says relative to what took place last year but I would of course oppose any attempt to amend this amendment. I believe that first of all the Department of Agriculture last year rather erroneously in a few instances took it upon themselves to attempt to inspect some of these charitable dinners and in effect, they could if they wanted to, they could pursue right now the lunch stands that are served at a farm sale, many of them sponsored also by churches. Т think we all know well enough that that was not the intent of this legislation. It is not our intent nor does anyone ever intend to try to protect the public by inspecting the pie and coffee stands served by St. Joe's church at someone's farm sale. I think there is one other discrepancy in this fee procedure which I would like to call your attention to. The small restaurant in Bellwood, Nebraska, which serves a few dinners a day, a few lunches a day, pays exactly the same fee as does the largest restaurant in the State of Nebraska. I wish that there were some provision and some mechanism and there may be sometime that we could devise that would provide for a graduated scale of inspection I think it is absolutely ridiculous that a services. restaurant which serves thousands of meals weekly pays the same inspection fee as does one which may serve only a dozen or two. And when you stretch that to the extreme you find that inspectors spending their time investigating the food service facilities at an annual church bazaar. Well I would suggest as I said earlier that we have better ways of utilizing the resources of our department inspectors. I think that we do not intend, I do not intend and I want the record to show that, I do not intend that the Department of Agriculture shall send the inspectors out to investigate a one occasion soup supper or a one occasion annual dinner. Now someone says, well you serve hundreds or maybe thousands of people and you can poison the whole

