

to fill out a form at the hotel clerk, and then, only then, would you be able to recover damages. Now it seems to me a strange burden to put on someone, particularly when we have seen some of the examples of negligence in the hotel industry, not in Nebraska, but around the country, and for that reason I filed the motion to return to try and get some light on this. In fact I would be very pleased if the bill was passed over today because the agenda said we are dealing with the Nebraska Food Act, and by the time we get to reading the bill, we are talking about creating a whole new standard of reporting on guests in hotels as to the value of their property that they are going to try and recover against the negligence of the owner. We are talking about the owner is clearly negligent and you still have to fill out this form, declare the value of all your property in your room, leave that with the clerk which I think a lot of people would be very nervous about declaring the value of all your property anyway and filing that with the clerk, if you want to try and recover because of negligence. So I filed the motion to return because I think that there is more to this bill than the Nebraska Food Act. In fact if you look through it, the first fourteen sections deal with nothing but liability in hotels, motels, and so on, and create this new standard, and that was not the bill as originally introduced. It is only until you get to this last part of advertising is food even mentioned, and for that reason I move to file this motion to strike those two sections although I think the whole bill, there is some doubt about the whole first fourteen sections.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would like to rise in support of Senator Fowler's motion. I would urge you all to read carefully Sections 11, 12, and 13 of this act. Section 11 says that if you leave your bags at a hotel without filing the written declaration and those bags are lost due to the negligence of the proprietor, all you can collect is \$250. Section 12 says if a hotel owner loses your bags while transporting them, even if he is negligent, all you can collect is \$500 unless you had filed the long written statement indicating how valuable they are ahead of time. Section 13 says that while the bags are in the hotel, they are lost or damaged, like in a fire as Senator Fowler indicates, all you can collect is \$1,000. Section 14 says that if your bags are lost, you had better get the information back within 72 hours or you can't collect anything. This is like passing a bill saying if the airlines lose your bags, all you can collect is \$250. This doesn't apply to airlines, it applies to hotels, but how would we feel about a bill like that? I just don't