

amendments pending by the Agriculture Committee. (See page 678 of the Legislative Journal, First Session.) Senator, I also have your amendments. Do you want to take those up now or do you want to defer?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson, which do you prefer?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yeah, we will take up the committee amendments first. Let me just briefly explain what the bill does so that you are up to date on this particular proposal. This is commonly known as one of those clean-up bills for the department, and the Department of Agriculture currently implements and carries out the Nebraska Seed Law, and this bill is designed to upgrade existing statute regulations as to the programs under the Nebraska Seed Law. This bill is designed to make the Nebraska Seed Law consistent with the Recommended Uniform State Seed Law, better known as RUSSEL, and these changes affect the labeling, the methods of testing, and also seed permits in transactions between farmer and seller. The amendments, the committee amendments are relatively simple. One is to change the word "bag" to "container", and the more substantial of the committee amendments happens to be a situation that the committee discussed in great detail. In fact, Senator Coordsen brought up the question about the sale of seed between farmer and farmer. Currently, we have exempted that. That is current law, at least, that any seed less than 10,000 pounds between, for example, a farmer to another farmer does not need to comply with the seed law, and there was a lot of discussion, as I said, about that. We eventually came to the conclusion as a committee that we did not want to change that. There is some difference of opinion with the seed advisory committee over this but the committee chose, instead, to agree with Senator Coordsen's objections to that, and we are asking to, basically, maintain the current exemption of transactions of seed under 10,000 pounds. So with that, that is the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is there discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, and members of the body,