

and get down to the end, have got a few acres left to go, run out of seed. Your neighbor down the road might have some seed for sale. A lot of times a guy is going to run over to the guy's neighbor and pick up some seed to help finish up. And we had a long discussion about this in committee because the seedsmen association or the seed advisory group would actually like to see that a permit is needed, but I guess we are looking at it from a more practical standpoint that a lot of times this is just neighbor to neighbor, farmer to farmer kind of transaction. Is it really necessary to go into that detail and, as I said, George can probably cover it in more detail than I but we decided to keep the current exemption in place to let farmers, in most cases farmers, continue those transactions without having to be regulated or have a permit.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body. Just a little bit to continue on with that discussion, when we pass legislation, this is my concern with that, that we have to be careful that we don't put in place things that can't be enforced, and I think Senator Johnson adequately explained my concern and that is that while it is essential that, as part of our seed law, we protect variety designations and ensure that the purchaser is getting what they pay for, there are exceptions to that in the case of some agricultural seeds where, as he indicated, a farmer will run over to the neighbors and buy a few bushel of oats as a cover crop in a waterway and those sorts of things, and really doesn't care what the variety is, where the varieties and stuff are already protected under other sections of the seed law. So a farmer could not advertise seed as a variety without having went through all of the testing and the certified seed laws that apply in those particular cases to protect variety. So this is simply to allow a little flexibility for emergency situations that do allow, and 10,000 pounds of most agricultural seeds is certainly not very much seed. So we are not looking at a big issue, and we are still protecting those who are professionals in the production of certified seed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. A very brief reminder from the Chair that the Reference Committee is now meeting in Room 2102, Reference Committee now meeting. Any other discussion on the