

the Attorney General's Office, Denise Frost; including the President of the Better Business Bureau, Phyllis Chambers. We also had a couple of people who had been victimized in these exchanges. We had the Director of the Real Estate Commission and we had representatives of a couple of the campgrounds saying that they were trying to clean up their act in their industry. The committee amendments originally changed the measure from its original introduction form to a form that paralleled the Iowa law. As a matter of fact, there is a body of thought that says we have problems in Nebraska because Iowa legislated in this area and the bad guys just simply crossed the river and came to work for some of the Nebraska campgrounds. The committee amendments change some definitions, provide for some prohibited practices in connection with the offering, sale or lease of an interest in a membership campground, prohibit false or misleading advertisements, require campgrounds to be registered with the Real Estate Commission, require membership operators to sell only upon registration with the Real Estate Commission, providing that certain kinds of transactions shall be exempt from registration, provide for the effectiveness, the date of effectiveness of registration, a method for denial, suspension or revocation of the kinds of registrations that would be authorized by the bill, a registration fee, etcetera, etcetera. For the most part, these amendments parallel, as I say, the Iowa suspension, actually registration system, and then Senator Nelson has a series of amendments that she would like to offer which make some additions to this based on her study of other states that have acted, including Oregon, and the suggestions of our own Attorney General's staff. One of the most revealing things which you have available to you is the list from Paul Quinlan of the kinds of abuses that have occurred. For example, one of the complaints registered was of a mother who was kept at a campground for four hours until they reluctantly agreed to purchase a membership with a promise that this amount could be refunded if they changed their minds. Later, when there was an attempt to refund or ask for a refund they were threatened with a lawsuit. Another one argued that...or pointed out that they had been offered a prize notification if they toured the campground. They toured for a couple of hours and actually got a piece of junk not worth \$2, rather than the \$40 camera that was promised. A third set of complainants purchased memberships without a clear understanding of the costs involved. They were 77 and 70. There were in poor health. The couple were exhausted after a two-hour tour in the heat. They were told they had the right to cancel. They tried to cancel and they