

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, Senator Abboud did bring this to me. My not having sat in on the original hearings and so on, I did understand sometimes again, if there was any possibility that this may or may not be unconstitutional. I would...I agreed to have Senator Abboud have this discussed or put on it. I will leave it up to the body. But, again, I have reservations and counsel that knows more than I. I certainly don't want anything on my bill that would give my bill an opportunity to be questioned whether or not it was constitutional. And so I will let Senator Abboud handle it from here. I graciously left Senator Landis on his deceptive trade practice bill, which certainly related to the campground, and I'm very cautious about another amendment being put on my bill that could be ruled unconstitutional, or that there was some concern about it. So I will let Senator Abboud handle it from here. But I certainly don't want anything else on that bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. There seems to be a dialogue just between about three or four of here on the floor, but I want to make something else clear for the record. Senator Pirsch, you are correct in the fact that this, in my understanding, this community could have gone...elected to have gone through the process of contracting with an area agency, the Eastern Office in this case, to have received this same service. And they would have then been required to participate by paying a percentage of, or contributing a share of the cost to support their own program. This is the way I would prefer, myself, to see them go. And I would correct Senator Abboud when he says that a majority of the cities are doing it this way. That's not correct. The majority of the cities that are providing senior centers and senior center services across the State of Nebraska are doing so through contract with area agencies on aging across the State of Nebraska, which is to me the proper way to do that. You know we have...I guess I believe myself, personally, that we have too much need in our communities for the funds that we have there for other kinds of business concerns, community services that are provided for all of the people of a community to designate some of those funds to go strictly for one segment of the population, which is what they are asking us to be able to do here. Now, if it weren't for the Attorney General's Opinion I'll tell you right now I'd be up here fighting this bill in the form of an amendment being attached to Senator Nelson's bill. I probably will not vote for it, but it is, by the Attorney