

lot of trash from being promulgated. And the activity of the committee kept much more of it from being enacted into law. I'm not sure if the bill is perfect, I don't suppose it is. But I think the bill is a step in the right direction, and I would hope that we would not kill the bill and that we would continue to work with it, because I think it does have some opportunity to be of service to the people of the State of Nebraska. I want to say one more thing. I noticed in this morning's newspaper, Governor Nelson again reminded us that it's a time for belt tightening. It's a time for belt tightening in government, ladies and gentlemen, because we don't have the money to do all of the things we would like to do. But it is also a time of belt tightening for businesses, many of whom today are overburdened with rules and regulations and limitations placed upon them by government. We do not need well-intentioned individuals causing difficulties for people where there are none. I still support the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. I'll now recognize Senator Landis, followed by Senator Haberman. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: You've persuaded me. I...I was wrong, you were right. You're smart, I'm dumb. You're good, I'm bad. The scales have fallen from my eye. It's like Paul on the road to Damascus, this bill needs to be passed. We are going to do...we are going to bring the administrative agencies to their knees, we're going to have oversight. There's only one problem with the bill, it's permissive. What we need to do is make this bill mandatory on us for this oversight. I agree with you, George, change this bill, make it mandatory on us, force the review, make us do it, do this job and I'll vote for the bill. If you say there's so much good in this bill, and we're going to do this to the administrative agencies, and it's an important goal, I will agree with you. If that's the case and there is that much at stake, make us do this work. By making it permissive, all of these gains that you've made are absolutely illusory. But, if you believe that, you take these mays out and put in shalls, and you've got a bill, because there all of these goals that you want to achieve will be achieved, not whether we want to or not, or may, or permission to do this. We already have permission to do all of this. We don't need permission to do any of this. If we're going to accomplish these objectives, let's make these objectives happen. The only way you're going to make these objectives happen is to take this bill from its rubbery, little, wispy, gossamer quality and make it the big