

here. I trust my city administrators in southeast Nebraska and my law enforcement officers to do what is right. They were elected. I trust them down there to do what is right. I don't think they're going to say, well, hey, the Smiths, that 90-year-old couple down on the corner, they're on vacation, let's go in and get them now, let's have a hearing while they're on vacation and we'll nail them when they get back with this weed bill. I don't think that will happen, folks, and I don't think you do either. Simply enabling legislation giving them the power that they do not have now and it has caused big problems in my area, quite frankly. And if your city decides someone is letting their weeds go or letting cars pile up or letting a shed fall down and rats are frolicking about, they have no power to do anything about it right now. So if you think they should have the ability to keep the cities or the small towns and the villages cleaned up, that's what this legislation does. Quite simple, we cannot guarantee just that law enforcement people will carry out any of our legislation justly. We're going to trust them to do so with everything we do in this body. I'd ask you to trust your city officials, trust your law enforcement people, give them the power to keep their cities spiffed up and looking nice and healthy and sanitary. That does play into this, and support this bill. Thanks.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Now we'll go to Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I have a problem. All lots or pieces of ground within a city or village to be drained or filled so as to prevent the stagnant water. Occasionally, particularly in these smaller cities, the piece of ground or the city limit may go out another quarter or half a mile. I think then we're getting into wetland area and if we think that we have tripped our toes on some law in this Legislature, you just start mixing up with wetlands. These areas are flown, aerial flown. You can even have a dam or an accumulation of water and the definition of wetland is if any water stands or any part or time of the year, if a farmer or anyone else decides to drain that wetland, you have forgiven farm programs for this day and thenceforth. I have to admit it's a bunch of crazy federal laws but you're now mixing up fish and wildlife, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Soil Conservation Service, you name it and you've had it. So I think that if you're going to talk about draining or filling stagnant water, I know what...that needs to be