

surprised, I guess, that some others have not mentioned this and do not show some concern. We can very easily get into another small Game and Parks area here with this type of legislation. I know that Senator Kristensen means well, but I think it is very, very alarming to me that we can acquire land anywhere we want to, we can condemn land anywhere we want to in the state, does not need to be relative in any way to the project at hand and it could very well be punitive in the way it is handled. I do not have, very frankly, that deep confidence in government employees because I have seen some instances in the past where such power can and has been abused. I think that we are getting into an area here that far exceeds the scope of what we intended at the very beginning. I don't know how you're going to handle it, but I think there ought to be some language drafted that would limit considerably the ability of the department to just cast about and see a desirable piece of land and condemn it as replacement for wetlands. I think that's irresponsible not to put limiting language in this statute. I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Haberman.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have a question of Senator Kristensen, please. Senator Kristensen?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: On the pink sheet, it says that it would allow the department to acquire large parcels of land to create wetlands replacement in advance of wetlands that will be filled as a result of several local projects that will be constructed in the future. What does "local" refer to? Do you know?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, Senator, local is just what the word means, in a local area.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is local around Lincoln?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, Lincoln would be a local project to Lincoln and a road in Scotts Bluff County would be a local road to them.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Doesn't read that way to me, Doug. That we filled...filed or filled as a result of several local projects that will be constructed in the future. Adding the word "local"