

there is a problem. They cannot dispute the fact that the burden is falling on the individual communities where these large companies are operating and as I said I'll go into more of that in detail later, but I will Senator Beutler's amendment because the aim of this bill is those companies that are doing the recruiting and creating the problem. This makes it clear that only the companies that do the recruiting are going to have to comply with the terms of this bill because they have actively created the problem by seeking out these workers and, by the way, far more than 10 percent of the work force will be comprised of these recruited workers. But here is a comment from that World-Herald article, one of them which I handed around to you. If you have it, at the bottom of the articles are numbers circled and this would be page 3 and this is a quote. "While housing and transportation might address immediate needs, the strategy used by the recruiter could have far-reaching consequences for Omaha, said Tom Morgan, president and chief economist of Morgan Research Group in Garnett, Kansas which studies the meat industry and its economic impact on communities. 'What's developing here is a Hispanic barrio,' Morgan said. 'It's predictable.' End of his quote. It is not uncommon, he said, for immigrants to take jobs others don't want and to move into low-rent neighborhoods. Their children will benefit from a better education and rise into professional positions as the families learn English and participate in programs that propel them into the mainstream. The question is, 'Who should bear the cost of that?' Morgan said. 'Should it be charitable organizations, churches, government or the company that is profiting from their work?' It is something that definitely should be deliberated and not hidden from the public." Again, Senator Beutler's amendment focuses the bill and lays the responsibility directly on those who create the problem. I have been invited to Norfolk on several occasions because of racial problems growing out of some of the recruitment practices of the beef plant up there. There are problems with people who were recruited finding housing, finding places of entertainment, things that happened to their children once they attend the public schools and when they are thrown out of work the lack of means to support themselves. These same things have begun to surface in Omaha and to be quite frank with you, had not this series of articles been written, I would not have been aware that the problem has come to Omaha and is as significant as it is. One of the ironies, and it's probably why none of the Omaha city officials were here despite the problem it creates for the city, is that they gave a large sum of money,