

again I support this amendment that Senator Beutler is offering. What it really does is state in this section of the bill what the purpose of the bill is and that, again, is to reach these large companies that recruit large numbers of people here for this kind of work, so I'm in favor of that amendment. And because I may not have enough time on my independent turnings on of my light to speak, I want to try to get a few things into the record about the necessity for this bill. On page 5 of the handout of articles that I gave to you, in the middle column at the top you will see some underlined language and it's talking about a certain practice of bringing people here and the kind of problems that I mentioned to you arising. This is what the article says. "But the practice has alarmed representatives of social service agencies who said many of the workers have left their jobs because of stressful conditions and turned to them for help to get home or to integrate into an unfamiliar city." Then if you turn to page 6 of the articles there are two columns and if you look at the bottom of the second column you will find these words. "Spokesmen for the agencies said they have absorbed the additional clients, but the Reverend Damian Zuerlein of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church is among those who said they worry about the potential impact on the recruits and the community as this practice continues. 'They're brought in from another state,' he said, 'They're isolated in poor housing, taken back and forth to work and abandoned if the job doesn't work out.' Besides Zuerlein's parish, area organizations where recruited workers said they received assistance include: United Catholic Social Service's Juan Diego Center, the Chicano Awareness Center, the Indian-Chicano Health Center, the Charles Drew Health Center, the Nebraska Department of Social Services, Together Inc., and downtown homeless shelters." There are other groups and individuals who have tried to take up the slack, but when you see this number of identifiable and identified organizations and groups who right now are overburdened already and it's a relatively recent practice in Omaha. We are going to have much graver social problems. The dislocation has already occurred when people are brought here. When they have not the means to support themselves, they're going to have to find some way to live. They don't have the wherewithal to return home. If you are a hungry person, if you are a destitute person, if you are a homeless person, whether you speak English or not, and you cannot find an honest way to make a living, you are going to find a way to survive and we know that people who otherwise would love to obey the law and, in fact, would obey the law will turn to what we call crime and antisocial behavior when