

understand, a big share of this has come from one company in Omaha, none of which, if what they're saying in the paper is true, those...I cannot condone what they're doing. Another one was mentioned in Norfolk so perhaps there is two, but by and large there is other companies across the state that I understand are doing a fairly good job of doing this and are responsible and once again I say, I believe business should be responsible. I'm just not sure at all that the state should set up another two positions in this case to regulate this, to oversee it, if there was some other way and I'm wondering about if there would be one way in controlling the grants. I see, I don't know whether Senator Beutler is going to introduce the amendment you had on the grants, but there ought to be another way that maybe the standards would be written in a grant or something like that that would make this more conscious if you will for business to do, but still not entangle many other businesses, large and not so large, 100 in many cases is fairly large across Nebraska to become involved in this. And so at this point I'm going to vote no on this bill, recognizing that we have a lot of debate ahead of us.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, we do have a problem in Madison County that Senator Chambers alluded to and he has been up in Norfolk and tried to help us with this. I do rise in support of this legislation. I want to say though that we do recognize the economic advantage that these packing plants have brought to our area and it has been great but along with that has come a lot of cost. I don't understand what the problem is here when we're asking them to be responsible when our police have had to hire bilingual translators to be on at all times, when our schools have had to put English as a second language in so that we can handle this and it's not only the Norfolk schools, it's some of the smaller communities around and it has been a burden for them. We are also asking other businesses if they want to operate to have interpreters. The hospitals have to have interpreters on duty, the medical professions, our grocery stores need to have someone who can speak Spanish when some of these people come in and need to purchase food. So I think we're only asking the businesses that are bringing these people in here to take part of the responsibility. I think a lot of them have done that already, they have the interpreters there. I think they have gone part way but I think we need to make sure they go the full way. I