

These companies are not small mom and pop operations. They are national in scope, and some of them perhaps even have international connections. So if you are going to allow Senator Matzke to give you the impression that we are somehow picking on these helpless little companies, and there should be no penalty if they violate this law, then I think you fail to grasp the seriousness of the problem this bill is designed to address. I have often said that when we legislate, our job is like a seamless web. Whatever we do at one point will have an impact at another point. There will be discussions of crime, unemployment and other social conduct that makes it necessary, in some people's mind, to build more jails, hire more police, more prosecutors, and so forth. This bill is dealing with an issue at the preventative stage. We know, as Senator Beutler phrased it yesterday, these companies are importing poverty. They are bringing people who we know lack the means to support themselves. These companies, I am sure, are enjoying the discussion to date where the thrust of some people's argument is that they are helpless victims. These companies hire hundreds of people at these individual plants. You mean to tell me that a landowner, who does not properly maintain his or her property and somebody could be damaged as a result and have a penalty against him or her, is more of a threat to society than what these large companies are doing by the problems they import to these various communities? Despite Senator Matzke's objection to it, I am going to offer...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...an amendment to his amendment which would have his strike only the civil penalty. That is not that much of a matter of import to me. The bill is needed to place the requirements. Why even have somebody required to file this disclosure statement when there is no punishment if they don't? That is ridiculous and preposterous. So I'm going to offer an amendment to his amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Senator Chambers' bill addresses a problem that needs to be addressed. I think the issue today is how we are going to address that problem. Section 3 deserves our attention in this bill. It is the disclosure statement provision. It says, an employer who recruits a non-English-speaking person, who resides more than 500 miles, must prepare this disclosure