

is sufficiently serious to require a misdemeanor penalty. I hope you will adopt my amendment to Senator Matzke's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I would like to recognize 24 Lead Fellows of the Lead group from across Nebraska. They are in the north balcony. The Nebraska Lead Program is a statewide two-year agriculture leadership development program. If you'd like to stand, please, and be recognized. Thank you for joining us today. On the Chambers amendment to the Matzke amendment, Senator Schimek. Good morning, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Good morning, Mr. President, and members of the body. I just wanted to rise and ask Senator Matzke a question or two, if I could.

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Matzke, I have been in the back of the room and didn't hear all of the discussion, but, and so you may have already answered this question. If the section regarding the health requirements were removed, and I agree with you, they could be interpreted as being a little vague, would you still feel the same about Section 5? Would you still feel that that needed to be changed?

SENATOR MATZKE: Is your question if Section 3 were removed, the disclosures.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, the part, Section 3(e), actually under (1), it is the part about the health risks. If that were removed, would you still feel the same way about Section 5?

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, both (d) and (e) are rather vague; (d) refers to that such housing is in compliance with all applicable state and local housing standards. That poses a real problem for any employer to guarantee in a written document filed with the Department of Labor that every apartment that any employee might live in complies with housing standards. And if an employer, again, and as Senator Chambers points out, the statute would require that false statement to be knowingly and willfully wrong, would still subject him to criminal prosecution. I think the biggest problem is (e), health risks.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Um-hmm, I agree.