

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I am asking you....

SENATOR MATZKE: What we are trying to do is pass a law that is going to achieve a purpose, and I don't believe in imposing criminal penalties on businessmen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let me rephrase the question. Why do you think they don't stop doing those things, those companies?

SENATOR MATZKE: I can't respond to what their motivations are. I have no personal knowledge of what has happened there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If they faced a punishment for doing these things, do you think that would be an incentive to stop doing it?

SENATOR MATZKE: I think that without Section 5 your bill still gives any aggrieved person the right to file suit (interruption)...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Matzke

SENATOR MATZKE: ...in district court (interruption)...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...which includes injunctive...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My time is running out. He is not going to answer the question. You all know that these companies continue to engage in this conduct because there is no regulation whatsoever. There is no federal regulation of this activity. There is no state regulation. This is an agricultural state. There is federal regulation that protects migrant seasonal farm workers.

SPEAKER WITHAM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is done by federal law. They have a disclosure statement of the kind contained in this bill. There are punishments imposed if the provisions of that federal law are violated. Maybe there is no federal regulation because the meat packing companies are so powerful they can get the Congress people and the senators to wink. This problem exists right here in Nebraska. Governors have been saying let the states solve