

SENATOR CHAMBERS: During the years that you have been here in the Legislature, if there were an industry adversely affected by a bill, are you aware of instances where that industry did not have a representative to speak against that bill?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Not being a member of the Business and Labor Committee, I would have to ask whether the Chamber of Commerce and Industry generally appeared before a Business and Labor Committee, during my time, on a bill and provided testimony that carried forth their members. I am not a member of this. I do know that in my experience, as a general rule, industries have either appeared on their own behalf, individual industries, or had their cares or concerns expressed by a group to whom they belonged, such as the Nebraska Bankers Association, in the case of the bankers, and insurance federation, on the case of the insurance groups. I did not look at the testimony. I do not know, in this particular issue, whether the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry appeared in any position on the bill, but I would say, yes, Senator Chambers, generally an industry's position is expressed on proposals that affect their industry, not necessarily all the time through their individual participation, many times through the group they belong to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. The Chamber of Commerce appeared in a general capacity and had not...their representative was not very familiar with the details of the bill, was not familiar with the bill, the law in Iowa, or had looked at it, and outside the hall...in the hall, he told me that he just appeared in a general capacity because businesses don't like this kind of a bill, but there was nobody who spoke specifically for the packing companies. They had no representative there, and it's the Chamber of Commerce that has whipped up opposition to the bill, and that's why people...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...are coming in with things that don't pertain to the issue at all asking that this bill be handled differently from the way that any other bill, which attempts to regulate a problem, would be handled. Senator Bromm's amendment takes out all reference to civil penalties, to administrative fines and allows only the misdemeanor. And if that is taken out of the bill also, we have a noneffective bill. And Senator Dierks, all of you who have been here know that when a company