

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Fisher, how would this bill read when compared to LB 830 which was recently enacted by the Legislature?

SENATOR FISHER: Well, it would have...this bill is under the Nebraska Industrial Development Corporation Act. I believe 830 had some other stipulations in it that were somewhat different. I do think that 830 incorporated some of the aspects of the Nebraska Industrial Development Corporation Act.

SENATOR COORDSEN: It is not your intent with 494 though, that a local industrial development corporation could condemn privately held property on eminent domain?

SENATOR FISHER: No, as we heard testimony from the group of the folks from Hall County, it was their intent to have a vehicle to own this piece of property and during that interim the government, federal government, would go ahead and clean up and take care of the contamination that's taken place with the water level out there, hold it for a period of time until it was clean and then back in an orderly fashion, return it back to use. Now this particular land has I believe 900 and some acres of, well Husker Harvest Days, but 5,000 acres of farmland on it which generates, as I recall, cash flow in an amount of about 25,000 so they can take that money and that will be used to develop the area. In some ways they're working now to make some way that that can be used to clean up the area. This particular bill on my part was designed for the acquisition of this tract land, this 11,000 acres and afford the local county, you know, the time period it takes to clean it up rather than start breaking it up in small parcels and leaving only the contaminated. It's the design of Hall County to keep it in one tack until it's completely cleaned up.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Dick Herman wrote an article in the League of Municipalities Magazine that credited the many legislative initiatives as being subjected to the law of unintended consequences and I do have a concern that LB 494 in the way that it is drafted, although I have not taken the time to study the bill, may in fact have a far wider impact than what Senator Fisher intends for it to have. I understand and appreciate the concerns of the Grand Island community with respect to the old ammunition depot and in the interest in returning that to some usable form that is available for the tax base of community and all of that thing. I'm going to have to