

litigation that he is trying to prevent. I think this could be a problem in leading to more. With that I will continue some of my other concerns at a later time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you. Senator Schimek. Senator Jones, still speaking on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President, members of the body, I just want to rise again and say that...or in response to Senator Chambers that it was my idea to bring this bill. It wasn't just the farm organizations and also I want to make a comment on Farm Bureau. He said most of them live in the city. Well only people living in country vote in Farm Bureau and they are the one that made the policy, so that's where this policy came from too. And the same way with the Nebraska cattlemen. And so I wanted to get that point across. And what I'm really trying to do here is stop something that is happening in other states and the federal level and I'd like to give an example about what did happen on the federal level and I hope that that wouldn't happen here, and that is a ranch family in Holt County, Barthels, had a ranch on the upper end of the Little Elkhorn River. And what happened there, the man that was right below them failed to clean out the river that is starting just on their place because he did need it cleaned out going through some hills, and it backed up and on the Barthels and they lost 110 acres of the wet hay meadow because the federal government come in, the Corps of Engineers, and said it was declared a wetland. So that's the kind of things that I'm thinking about right here and I think that we need to pass something in the state, hopefully to stop some of that because other states have passed this law and I think we should have it in the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, thank you very much, Madam President, members of the body, I had not spoken on this and I don't know as I will many times, but one thing that Senator Jones said really did intrigue me in an attempt to clarify the Farm Bureau information and I'm not sure how that got entered into the discussion. But, Senator Jones, you indicated that this organization called the Farm Bureau does have members in the city but the members of the city can't vote. Is that what you said?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jones.