

why can't we learn from what has happened to us on the federal level with OSHA, on the federal level with wetlands, on the federal level with the Clean Water Act, on the federal level..

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...with the Clean Air Act? I mean, we can't be so naive as to sit here and say, well, that's federal, that's not state so don't bother me with it. I think there's an awful lot to be learned from the mistakes that have been made on the federal level. You know, on the federal level, if they had looked in the Clean Air Act at how that applies to Nebraska, maybe we would be able to save a million and a half dollars this year that we're going to have to put on in terms of increased budget in DEQ and hire 15 to 18 people when the DEQ says we really don't have a clean air problem in Nebraska. Now there's no way that you can bring government under control in terms of spending and being burdensome if you don't take a look at the regulations you're going to implement before you do it. And that's really what this law is all about. And I...and the discussion has been very good.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: But I encourage you to continue to look at the intent. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all, I haven't gotten into the discussion really up to this point. I believe that Senator Bromm and Senator Jones are very sincere in what they are attempting to do with this piece of legislation in looking at what a takings might be. However, this piece of legislation is not so innocuous as it may seem on the surface. It's a two-edged sword because, on the one hand, it may seem that we're merely looking at just compensation to people and I believe, and I've heard nothing to the contrary yet to say that that isn't currently being done, and that the Fifth Amendment to our Constitution doesn't already protect those property rights. However, I become even more concerned when I hear the example that's being used by Senator Bromm and also by Senator Wickersham. Senator Bromm talked about the water example and the devaluation of somebody's property even though they actually maintained control of the property. Senator Wickersham talked