

Senator Bromm said, you know, there are...there's been some problems. There have been problems in this area, and then he said, on the federal level. I think, by the way, I might well agree with that. I've heard of some overreaching environmental issues, I think there may be some case. But just as Senator Bromm made that case, he made what I think is the appropriate caveat, that the examples that we have are on the federal level. None of the proponents of this measure have been able to show a pattern of abuse in this state. I don't think there's a good working example before us of overreaching state agencies at this point. If there is, I would be instructed by it and how 168 would solve it. I haven't seen it happen so far. I don't think we can look to Senator Bromm for a rationale, at least in that closing that justifies 168. Senator Jensen made an interesting argument. And he said, look, what we need to do is put our local officials on notice that people have property rights. A number of us have been local officials in this organization or we've served local government. Bob Wickersham was a county attorney, Curt Bromm was a county attorney, Dave Maurstad was a mayor. Ask anybody who's been a public official at the local level here, no, John Lindsay wanted to be a county commissioner but he didn't make it. That's right. Ask yourselves, is there a local official in this state who isn't aware that citizens have property rights? In a sense you have to make this argument the slap in the face that it is to the level of intelligence and concern of local officials. I can't imagine that Mayor Maurstad didn't know that his citizens had property rights, I bet he did, I bet it was part of his thinking as he did his work. I bet Bob Wickersham, when he was county attorney, knew that the citizens of his county had property rights and was part of his advice to his county boards. I bet Curt Bromm knew that the Fifth Amendment existed and advised his county board appropriately because county officials know that people have property rights. How dumb do you think they are? It seems to me that I don't think we get to cast our finger at ignorant local officials, as the rationale to support 168. I don't find anything in the record and I don't find anything in my personal experience that tells me that local officials are operating without a knowledge that people have property rights. And I bet Floyd Vrtiska, for years, 16 years I think on the county board, knew that his folks had property rights. Senator Wickersham said this doesn't expand or contract people's rights or remedies. I agree with that completely. And if there's any reason we shouldn't pass a bill that's it. If it doesn't expand or contract rights, contract rights that have been overreaching and abused, or