

SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion before the body is the amendment offered by Senator Chambers to amend the Jones bracket motion. For discussion on that measure, let us go to Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I hadn't turned my light on because I was thinking that I would open on the amendment, but the reason I am offering the amendmert, to be quite frank, is to end the discussion of this bill for this session. There has been much talk about the bill's purpose being to protect small private property owners from incursions by the government. Any state where a bill such as this has been enacted has been used by large companies to prevent regulations from interfering with those companies, imposing their will on private landowners. There is one instance, it may have been in North Dakota, where a township of 176 people had made this corporate hog farming operation know that they did not want that operation in their township. The corporation acclaimed that they wanted to do what the people in this township wanted, 176 people. Because it looked like the corporation was going to disregard their wishes, the town council adopted zoning laws that would require these animal lagoons, aerobic, or whatever they call them, but, anyway, sewage lagoons, where you runoff all this nasty stuff down into the water, then some people will even spray it on the land, but, anyway, these zoning laws were to make sure that those things were not put near places where individuals lived. Well, the corporation began building its hog operation, and then sued the township for \$7.9 million saying that their zoning regulations resulted in a taking, and the purpose of the corporation doing it, there was a takings law, by the way, on the books, was to break the township because there was no way they could stand up to this giant corporation in court, even if the corporation would lose. Well, the township decided to take on the big corporation, and the matter is pending. But there is not a single example on record in any state that has adopted one of these laws where the government was involved. These laws are being pushed by corporate interests. They have tricked a number of rural groups around the country, not just in Nebraska, to offer these bills thinking they are protecting rural interests against incursions by the government. The contrary is true. The corporations are the ones who have used these types of bills to run roughshod over rural interests. The bill is dishonest on its face. Senator Jones has been snookered. Senator Jones does