

government or any department thereof". I think they should be able to petition any agency also. Since we have agencies which do wield considerable power and have an impact on the lives of the citizens, the same right to petition a department of government should extend to the right to petition any agency of that government also. I'm not going to go into great detail on this aspect of my amendment in responding to what Senator Bromm had just said because I think others may deal with that. But an example was given during our last discussion on this bill of this large operation which came into a small community even though the community did not want it come to come there. And it was wreaking considerable damage and even the farmers did not want it. But this huge operation was a multimillion dollar affair and they felt by going to court under one of these kind of bills in Missouri they could bust the small groups who didn't have much money and, in fact, the entire township so that they would not be challenged in court. So this type of bill has not got a good record. What Senator Jones did not do is to give you a listing of states where a thing, such as he is offering to us today, has failed. Along the way, I will share with you what information I have in that regard and I think it was provided to us by Senator Preister the last time around. But let me tell you again why I think the right to peaceably assemble is so important. At the federal level, they are talking now about giving the FBI additional what they call antiterrorism authority. They will want to have more electronic surveillance. I'm sure they will want to be able to tap people's telephones. They will want access to their bank records. They have even said that they would like a provision that if anybody donated to a charity that is even remotely connected with what the government deems a terrorist organization, that person who donates to the charity is guilty of a felony, not a felony because you participated in terroristic activity but because you donated to a charity. Now there are many agencies of government who, I think, engage in a type of activity that could be called terroristic because of the damage it does to poor people. Senator Jones would vote against any bill or any provision that would say the state is going to help poor, pregnant women and those who deliver and need assistance to rear their child or, as the situation may be, children, therefore, the state will give additional help. Senator Jones and his ilk would be against that. But when we talk about some vague, abstract concept, such as this one, he is all up in the air. He and Senator Bromm want to talk about the dire consequences that may occur if this bill is not passed. Senator Bromm, Senator Jones, and all of the