

account and that we should have a little bit more of a definition of just exactly what we're talking about when we talk about the public interest. Public interest should not be somebody who's 10 miles away, and 20 miles away, and 100 miles away solely. I think that that can have a role to play in what public interest is. But I believe that those people in the immediate area, particularly who will have children that will be going out on that highway, going to school, will be in vehicles, and not just the children, but certainly people of all ages should have their concerns taken into account. They should not be put in harm and their property should not be damaged or put in harms way either, both of which have, according to the adjoining property owners, been done and could conceivably continue to be done. I don't think allowing policy that does not take that into account is making wise state policy and would ask that we give that part of this amendment serious consideration. The other part deals with something that is a little bit less serious, but to the people living in the area they feel it's also very important. This would allow that it would not interfere with adjoining landowners' quiet enjoyment of their property. Again, here we have people adjoining the area, they have paid for their property, they continue to pay their property tax on that property, and those folks should certainly have the ability to enjoy and utilize their own property, as long as it's bothering no one else, in the manner that's legal and conforming to all other state regulations as they see fit. And to have someone come in and take that enjoyment away from them, to me calls into question whether or not that's the best way that we should be creating laws. I think they have not only a right to their health, safety and well-being, but also to the enjoyment of their property and to the use of that property in ways that they find most appealing and attractive to them. And although there is a development not far from there, there are people that have lived in that area for quite a number of years, so we're not just talking about people moving into the area from the Omaha area, but people who have lived there and who have had the use of their land for a lengthy period of time. The C section, not to be confused with any medical terms, but the section of the amendment letter C...

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** One minute.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** ...that deals with the other aspect of this amendment is that it will not interfere with future development and expansion. There is a housing development in the area on a