

favor district-wide so I am supportive of this amendment or the constitutional amendment 300, and I do...I know that there's going to be people here that have difficulties with it and I understand that that's why we are hearing about it today. I hope that we can get over that and get to the point and get to the voting. I think that there is an idea that I think that some people think they need to express themselves and I appreciate that and I hope you will. We probably have some philosophical differences on the whole issue and that will come out in the discussion. My commitment to LB 357 stands and I think that we've addressed many of your concerns with the amendments so far. At this point, I will not support Senator Schrock's amendment and I hope that the rest of you will not, too. I hope that we can get on to the business of getting the bill advanced. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems that the debate has brought out to all of our attention that Initiative 300, other than to discourage a great deal of legitimate investment in our state, has not brought out any violations within the state of Initiative 300 of a nature that could be prosecuted. And because of that, the people that are ardently supporting Initiative 300 are rather disappointed. They would like to be able to point to some success that all their effort has been able to right some wrong that they visualize is there. And I believe other than...rather than filling out extended paperwork on what your corporation is doing that the Secretary of State add to his occupation tax form a simple question. Is your corporation or its employees actively involved in an agricultural operation or own agricultural land? And that would answer the questions that would be necessary and it would get rid of the fine problem because then if the form wasn't filled out, they'd have to go through the process of having their corporation reinstated. And those then that are actively involved in some sort of a farming operation, the stockholders are listed in the reports. I don't think any additional paperwork is necessary. And as far as Senator Schrock's amendment require anybody that is in violation of 300 to file the report is rather self-defeating. I mean if you're in violation, I don't think you'd file it. With that, I'd yield my time, Mr. Speaker.