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The amendment proposed by Senator Wickersham is just another way, as he stated, to clear some of the confusion that is out there currently. But the one thing he was...I think we want to point out, that we're not trying to force any ag society to do what they don't want to do. We're not trying to force any...any kind of fair board to do what they don't want to do. There's...Douglas County has a different issue all by itself. We're not trying say that they should be an ag society. They were years ago and they got away from it. Now they're an appointed county fair board, Chase County the same way, Red Willow, and there's one other one. But I think we need to leave them as they are. We don't want to get into what they're trying to do. The Wickersham amendment, once more, I think it brings it down to an area that is...should be noncontroversial. We're...all we're trying to do is make it so that if the ag societies want to change their constitution and bylaws they can, but they don't have to. It says they may change. So I think it's a good way to move. It makes it more clear how they should be organized and they can...can just stay like they are right now if they want to or they can...can move to the new version under LB 437. At the convention that was held in Kearney a week ago. The county ag societies opposed the original bill, but with the amended version they are now neutral on it, and because it says "may" and they can do...just stay like they are or else change. And I think the other...the last amendment by Senator Wickersham also helps some of their concerns. So I would move or help and so that the other senators, if they have any comments, they can ask, or else I would certainly support both the committee amendments and the amendment by Senator Wickersham. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Chambers, would you like to speak on the amendment to the amendment? Senator Wehrbein, would you like to speak on the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members. I might not be quite right on this, whether it's on the amendment or on the main bill, but I would like to have a little more discussion. I know you're doing a specific issue, but I need to understand the bigger issue too, Bob, Senator Wickersham. Are you creating, in this amendment, your committee amendments, three possibilities