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good if the federal government does not get around to doing as it should. Whenever an individual is the only one responsible for achieving an end, that individual knows what he or she has to work with. But when the achievement of that end relies on the actions of a multitude of people over whom that individual has no control, the goal may be achieved and it may not. So the Legislature, having it within our power to enact into law something that we know is going to be beneficial to our citizens, I believe we ought to do it. Our doing this does not supplant what the federal government has done, nor does it stop the federal government from doing anything else. But what we want to do here is to say that when we observe a problem and it can be addressed legislatively, and it's within our power at the state level to enact such legislation, that's what we're going to do. And we're going to make the sweep of our legislation coextensive with the sweep of the evil that we're attempting to correct. From the discussion...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on the part of everybody, we have a clear idea of what we're trying to address. As Senator Smith pointed out, there may be, and probably will be, some parts of the bill that will have to be worked out and smoothed out at the next stage of debate, and I believe we should work toward that end. But in the meantime, I believe we ought to concentrate on getting something into law. And I support the bill. I support Senator Beutler's amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: No, thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: And thank you, Senator Chambers. Before I say any more, I want to just make it known very plainly that I support the legislation and the amendment. I think they're important and I did have bills like this in previous years. They didn't get out of committee because of opponents. And I think it's important that we get this done, and I support moving ahead. I understand what Senator Bourne has said. As a matter of fact, the reason we didn't introduce the bill this year, in fact we had the bill drafted, we didn't introduce it because I