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speak.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes. Senator Janssen, I have first a comment. The comment is, it looks like a very good bill. The question is, I noted in the notation of the committee statement that there was an objection by the Nebraska Catholic Conference. What in the world was that about?

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator Janssen, would you respond?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, they were a little concerned about someone getting into their records, and so on. And that was taken care of, and they have no objections now. I talked to their representative here a week or so ago, and he said, we have no problems with the bill the way it is now; thank you, go ahead with your bill. So that was the extent of that, Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you. That answers my question.

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator Stuthman, recognized to speak.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just want to bring a couple of issues to mind about, you know, pioneer cemeteries, older cemeteries, and things in the issue. It was referenced before in one of the conversations of center pivots going over cemeteries, and allowing that. That happened to be in my district where that was happening, because a cemetery had realistically been abandoned for many, many years, and the individual paid taxes on that ground and everything. And all of a sudden, they found that, you know, there were some ancestors that were living quite a ways away. And they had brought it to the attention of some individuals that this was happening. And there's an attempt to be made to clean up this cemetery, make it look very respectable. There was a ruling on it. The county board did not want to make a ruling. They turned it over to the judge, the county judge. And the ruling was that the center pivot had to cease going over that cemetery, mainly because they did not know, you know, was it going over a grave, or where it was going. So that was the ruling then. Right now, it's in the appeal process. So I do