

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised. Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would have a question of Senator Goodrich.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich, would you respond, please.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Sure.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Goodrich, what would be the need or purpose of an auditor on this?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Higgins, would you speak into your microphone. We can't hear you. Thank you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Goodrich, what would be the need or purpose of an auditor for this particular transaction or bill?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, each real estate broker is required to have a trust account. If he takes, for example, the down payment, deposit on a purchase of a piece of real estate he must deposit that down payment or deposit money in a trust account. Then the real estate department annually goes around and checks those trust accounts to see is the broker handling it correctly according to law.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, I understand that, Senator. So in other words if this appropriation bill advances, and the bill has been voted to advance, what it is going to amount to is instead of just having to audit the banks they will have to audit banks and savings and loans.

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, they go to the real estate brokers office.

SENATOR HIGGINS: They won't go to the banks themselves, or to the savings and loans?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Oh, they could if they thought there was some discrepancies or something, they could then go to the bank or savings and loan, wherever it is, and investigate as a follow-up. But what they do is they go directly to the real estate brokers office, which they are doing now anyhow,