

going to have to choose from. Now, there has been a lot of fighting over whether or not the direct notification system is the best route to go or whether the central filing system that we set up to try and alleviate the problem of double jeopardy is the correct way, whether it is too costly, too bureaucratic. What I am offering you here is at least an option to choose something that we have spent an awful lot of money on in establishing around the state with the Secretary of State's Office in filing these liens and I think it is the way that we should go. I think you will hear other arguments for and against the issue but I want you to know that by the farm bill after 1986 there basically will no longer be a double jeopardy issue. Buyers will then be clear of all liability or liens and so double jeopardy will cease to exist. And unless we have in place either the direct notification system or the central filing system, you are going to have, I think, some very serious problems with your bankers as far as lending credit is concerned in situations where they have no protection from a farmer selling grain that has a lien on it and that is something I think that is important for us to consider considering the time and period that we are working through right now and the economy. And, as I said, I am offering you one option to continue to expound upon the...or play upon the essential filing system that we have worked very hard to set up. Many states have chosen different routes to go on this but I think that this is the best way Nebraska should go considering the fact that we have probably the best system in the United States, at least, or we have dedicated the most money and most time toward that system and now I think it is time for us to follow up and put it in statute and get the system going and get it on line so that it can work. I am sure you are going to hear arguments that it is going to be too costly, too burdensome, and those are probably legitimate arguments. But I am simply offering you here at least one policy choice that I think could work. It has an opportunity to work. It is going to need some refinement. There is no question about that but I think we will have a better system for the State of Nebraska in the end than we would under the direct notification system. So, Mr. President, I would move the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Arlene Nelson, on the Johnson amendment, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I have to oppose the Johnson amendment. As Senator Johnson fairly well explained this, I am not going to take the time to go into the