

is some nervousness about my gutting bills but it is always for a good purpose, so let me explain what the story is on this. LB 496 originally was a bill that basically attempted to repeal a law or idea that Senator Murphy had gotten passed a couple years ago with respect to security sales and with respect to limited partnerships, joint ventures, this type of thing. You may remember in the last six to nine months there has been a lot of controversy. Senator Vickers was involved in part of it, some of the other senators, among the oil and gas dealers in the state saying, well this new law of Senator Murphy's, they said it was so terrible that it was going to put them out of business. Now whether that is right or wrong, good or bad, etc., etc., the law is in effect. I don't think repeal is possible. Certain things were worked out with the Securities Department with the assistance of the Governor and guidance there and I think they have worked out most of the problems that they thought they had but, but, brought up at the same time in the hearings that we had was the idea, okay, now that we put this blanket type of coverage over securities we still have to devise a system that allows legitimate and serious and honest private offering exemptions so that we don't run everything through the Securities Department and go too far. What I am offering as a substitute in this bill, same subject, same concept and everything, certainly germane, is a substitute bill that would specifically write in private offering exemptions. What is a private offering exemption? Let's talk about that just a minute...use some examples, sometimes they are the best thing. Is anybody listening? Anyway, yesterday, two days ago, a group went into the Banking Department, a group of farmers and some rural businessmen. They all knew each other well. They are friends, so on and so forth. They wanted to contribute funds, put some money together for the purpose of funding a feasibility study for a gasohol plant in their community. Now if this bill were passed, if this bill were passed, then this would be a private offering exempt from registration because these investors already have the knowledge of the affairs of the issuer of the securities involved here. I am trying to think... there is another example that just occurred the other day that would give you some additional information, type of thing. Okay, another case that just occurred the other day, the sale of limited partnership interest to fund the refinancing of a commercial office building. Let's just imagine for a minute one of the big office buildings around town. The limited partnership interests are sold only to the tenants in the commercial office building.