

moment, you don't get everything told to you because if Mr. Brandt is the one out there giving him marching orders, Mr. Brandt is the one who made misstatements before the Judiciary Committee and the transcript establishes it. But I don't think we are dealing with truth and equity this morning. I think we are dealing with raw, naked lobbying power, and I don't know where the bankers get that power, whether they told some of the senators, you are going to need loans in the future, whether they told certain politicians, you are going to need campaign contributions, or just what it is. But there are individuals taking positions on this bill which positions do not accord with the stands they have taken on other matters that relate to the welfare of the citizens, and when a person has an ordinary course of conduct and deviates radically from it, there must be sought for that deviation a cause, and the cause, I think, is based on the power out there in that rotunda. Mr....

PRESIDENT: Time is up, Senator Chambers. All right, thank you. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I am going to speak to Senator Beutler's amendment because I do know that Senator Beutler did offer that amendment as a very thoughtful response to the point that I had raised about tort claim liability in an estate and I really appreciate the senator doing that, because you know there is always a possibility that this bad legislation will pass, but if it does pass at least it ought to pass in decent form. Senator Beutler's amendment says simply that LB 306 basically will apply to debts that are the subject of written contracts. I have been going through the probate code this morning to find the word "debts", to see if I can find the word debts in the probate code and I can't find that particular word in the probate code...where a probate code essentially refers to our claims but it does also refer to claims founded on contract. Now one of the things that it says, it says this, let me just kind of give you some sense of the concept of claims....all claims against a decedent's estate which arose before the death of the decedent, including claims of the state and any subdivision thereof, whether due or to become due absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, founded on contract, tort or other legal basis, if not barred by other statutes will be barred within a certain period of time, otherwise they are allowable claims. Now one of the things that I would like for you to think about again, we have constantly conceived of LB 306 as essentially allowing creditors to recover on a just debt, and you and I...I think frankly the agenda throughout this entire debate has been