

think the cruelest thing you can do as a legislator is to promise something you can't deliver and that's what you're doing with the amendment. You're saying, ho, just down the road we've got salvation coming, brother. We're going to give you 9 percent interest rates or 7 or whatever you're going to promise. You're promising pie in the sky and it's as artificial and dishonest as anything you could do. If you can deliver 9 percent do her now. If you got the power to set 9 percent rates or 10 or whatever, by golly, put it on the table now. This is when we need it. Don't promise pie in the sky. Either put up or face up and facing up means we've got some difficult times coming and you can't use artificial solutions. And I know I'm probably making everybody mad, but what the hell. I urge you to reject the amendment and kill the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was somewhat in the position I think at the start of this discussion that Senator Hannibal made reference to. I didn't want particularly to vote yes and I didn't want particularly to vote no. Before this session started every presentation I made about, as we all do at the beginning of a session, I made reference to the part that people always ask, what's going to be the big issue next session? And I said that the big issue next session is not going to be a bill. The big issue next session is going to be economic stress that is being felt by many people throughout the state and there is a variety of areas...issues that that would cover. And I said I guess my concern was that when you deal with times of economic stress some policy changes look, in the short run, attractive which you know in your heart is wrong, certainly you know in your mind is wrong for policy. And I guess 614 sort of fell in that category in my mind, too. Historically with I think one exception, I have opposed every interest raise that was attempted through this body in the '70s until it got to the point where obviously we couldn't stay where we were and one of the things that really has bothered me, Senator Lamb was talking about some of his reminiscing. I recall a presentation, some remarks a friend of mine made a few months ago when he was given some recognition for having been, made a number of accomplishments in agriculture. He graduated from high school a year ahead of me and what he reminisced about that he grew up and I grew up and a lot of us grew up in an age