

SENATOR NELSON: I guess at this stage I would like to have the committee amendments amended, but I'm hesitant to withdraw my amendment. I think that at this time that's the only thing that we're going to get out of this bill and I would still like to have a vote on my \$20 and \$400 cap. You can either vote it up or down. I see no reason actually to go...continue this because I think we could talk this over for another week and I think most of us, if we've paid any attention to the figures and if we've done our homework and we've figured our percentages, we know where we stand and I would speak against Senator Higgins' idea. I would say that we should go, continue on and move this through the due process.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Nelson, I believe Senator Higgins has withdrew her motion so we are now are on your amendment and the next speaker is Senator DeCamp on the Nelson amendment.

SENATOR DEKAMP: Mr. President, I'm going to support Senator Nelson's amendment because, very simply, it at least targets most of the money to the homeowner and to the average farmer and to the average small businessman. I think it goes a little too far in that it favors the above average or the bigger one, gives a little more benefit to a Willie Thiesen than it does to a Tim Hall. At the same time something slightly close to fair and reasonable that addresses the problem is a heck of a lot better than something that is just completely outrageous and the current bill, with a 10 percent and \$1,000 literally targets ten times as much effort towards the large as it does the average and that I cannot accept and that I don't think any person in this state can accept. So I'm going to support Arlene Nelson's amendment. I hope she is successful. Maybe if that idea gets going maybe we can still find a slight middle ground. I do have another amendment. That amendment simply makes certain, if this program goes, that you set aside one cent and that is separate from everything else so there isn't a question of whether you overspent or underspent. That one cent is for this program and if you would happen to come up short then you could prorate. Instead of \$400 it would be \$287 or whatever money you had available and so I'm going to support her amendment and hope it works.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Lamb, on the Nelson amendment.