

Everything being offered on this bill is a charade. There is only one thing, only one thing at stake here and that is the pocketbook of the auto industries and those who make money off of them. There ought to be a point in the Legislature where we can deal honestly and drop all of the pretenses, just admit that we are friendly towards certain auto dealers and we want to give them something. We want to help them be in good with their suppliers so we are going to give them something. Then maybe they can go to their suppliers and say, give me a deal on the cars you are going to ship to me because I pushed this bill through the Legislature, and tell it like it is. I hope you will adopt my amendment. It will bring the truth out in the rest of the discussion. They will still have their bill but they might tell you that this won't satisfy my friend, Lizzie. By the way, while I have got a couple of minutes, I have got to tell you about that because I didn't have enough time the other day. I am talking about Elizabeth Dole. They had a problem with Conrail who wasn't making money so I gave them a proposition whereby I would buy Conrail, keep the train running, keep the people with their jobs, and in addition to that, I would make a tidy little sum on the side and the government would be paid back, maybe. I was going to bail out Continental of Illinois, too, because I was going to get a government loan. I was going to put up five or six hundred dollars and use that as a basis to draw this government loan. I was going to offer them \$5 million for Conrail or whatever the amount the highest bid was I increased it. I was going to take the money and put it in Continental and it would help them, because they could then take it and invest it and draw some interest in and shore themselves up and naturally I would get some of the interest because it was my money. Then I would take the money after a short time and buy Conrail with it. And Elizabeth looked at it, and she wrote me a letter and told me that my bid would be considered along with the others. But I am sure that there were gremlins in the woodwork and they prevailed on the people making the decision not to view with favor my offer. So as a result, Continental didn't get that money it could use, I didn't get the interest, and they are probably still having a problem doing something with Conrail. So Elizabeth and I have dealt with each other before and I know on this matter her only interest is in the pressure being relieved that the auto industry is bringing to bear on her and the Reagan administration. And anybody who pretends that they don't know the Reagan administration is for the