

close to \$2.5 million lost in a situation there and there have also been some other cases of lesser amounts being lost to farmers. I think the bill is very timely and I'm sure that Senator Haberman will give you his explanation of the bill in general, but the committee amendments I think are all consistent with what Senator Haberman is attempting to do with the Grain Buyers Act. I ask you to support the committee amendments. I do know Senator Lamb has an amendment to the committee amendments which I also approve of.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the committee amendments? If not...okay, we have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the committee amendments. (Lamb amendment appears on pages 1596-97 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I have circulated and it should be on your desk a copy of my amendment to the committee amendments. In looking at the committee amendments it seemed to me that the producer of the grain was not properly protected in that he would not have a share of this security of the grain dealer, if he does not, for instance, demand payment from the grain dealer within ten days of the date the dealer takes possession of the grain. Then he also has to cash his check within ten days after he gets it and then if the check is no good, under (c) he has to notify the Commission within ten days. All these things seem to put a burden on the producer of the grain rather than on the grain dealer and so this amendment does put a little more burden on the grain dealer. Now under Public Service Commission rules at this time the dealer is required to put this sign on his door, on the door of the truck. This is an actual sign which they are supposed to have on the truck. It says, "PSC recommends payment for all grain upon loading of this vehicle. The bond may not cover the total obligation of this sale." That's all well and good, but some of these contractors or some of these dealers don't own a truck, they just contract for the hauling of the grain and I'm not sure that this sign is going to be all that effective. So we are putting a little burden on the grain dealer that he has to give the farmer a receipt and