

75,000 but, to be honest with you, I know we can get another four or five thousand for it because he is willing to go higher. Now both agents share in the commission so, obviously, the more they get for the house, the more commission they would make. So that is one reason why I think confidentiality should be added as something that the people should be aware of so they don't have this feeling of being so open in saying, look, you know, we really can come up with more money and we really would pay more for it. The second part of the amendment adds to the seller's bill of rights a provision telling sellers that commission rates are not set by law and that they are negotiable. Now, I did not have that in the original bill of rights, frankly, because I had not given it a thought. I had not sold any property since 1976 and at that time I sold it to my own nephew so we weren't even required to have a real estate agent, but Senator Beutler was the one last year when he and I and Radcliffe and the director for the real estate agents, we all sat down together, again, to discuss the bill and possible amendments. And Senator Beutler asked me, Marge, why don't you have that in your bill? And I said, frankly, Chris, I never thought about it. It's been so long since I've sold any property, but I said, I have absolutely no objections to it. I think it's a great idea and it should be in there so that the public doesn't think they have to pay 7 percent, but it is negotiable with a real estate agent. They could pay six or five, whatever they could agree on. Senator Beutler mentioned then that he would probably introduce that amendment but since he did not, I am introducing it today. So I would ask the body to adopt these amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, do you wish to speak to these amendments?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, members, I rise to oppose the amendments and I will be opposing the other amendments that I have seen so far. To refresh your memory, if I might, as Senator Higgins pointed out, this bill was discussed at length last session and we had disagreements about the bill last session and I think...I'm afraid that we're going to continue to have disagreements about whether the bill is a good bill, a necessary bill or not and I happen to think that it is not either a necessary bill or, indeed, a good bill to pass in the State of Nebraska. Now the reason why I am going to oppose this amendment or these