

here, but Higgins will be back next year, either as governor or senator, with this same bill and I'll be back for at least five to six years, either as governor or senator, and eventually the people of the State of Nebraska are going to get something to protect them when they make the largest investment of their life and you can bank on it, you can bet on it, you can be sure of it. And for all those realtors standing in the Rotunda right now, I'm ready for you. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I've been here now almost ten years and I can safely say that I have never seen anyone work as hard and long on a bill as Senator Higgins has worked on LB 667. There has been a lot of opposition to the bill, but I'm sure, as you just heard, that she will be back with this bill another year and maybe several years after that. I appreciate what she said mostly when she mentioned the fact that there are many real estate agents that do do a good job and do practice honesty and integrity when they sell a home to you or I and I might mention here that a purchase of a home, and I'm sure she has mentioned it before, is one of the greatest and most expensive transactions that we make in our life time. The people that live in my district in South Omaha have only purchased probably a home once in their whole life and many, many times they hope and pray that the real estate agent they are dealing with will do the things that Senator Higgins is trying to do in this bill and give them their rights fairly and honestly. I commend Senator Higgins for all her hard work that she has put in this in the last two or three years. I think that the people that buy homes, not only in my district, but all over this great state expect to know that the person, he or she, that they are dealing with are honest and will give them all the information necessary. As Senator Higgins said, there are some unscrupulous real estate agents that will not do so and sometimes after a purchase of a home you find out that you did not know all your rights at the time of purchase. I commend her again for all her hard work and, as she said, if this bill advances to Final Reading, it may not mean much but she certainly has brought forth the information that a lot of us are thinking very strongly about even though you don't support the bill. I support Senator Higgins' motion to advance this to Final Reading.