

between interests groups and I think that we have come as close as we can. Now I recognize that this is a very complex issue and it is one of those situations where people are concerned about the actions we're taking. I recognize that. I'm willing to pass over the bill, if that's what it is going to take to give some people time to read the amendments. I have no problem with that. I think you'll find that what we're offering is aboveboard. If you don't believe me, ask Bill Brandt, ask Senator Hoagland, ask the people who participated in the process. You can do what you want. I can live with whatever this body chooses to do with this issue, but it is a substantial social issue that has to be addressed somewhere down the line by this Legislature, by other state legislatures, and you can delay it this year and you can kill the bill if you wish. If that's what they want to do, that's fine, but don't come complaining to me when you've got problems back home and constituents are out to take your head and put you out of this Legislature because you're not willing to look at this issue. I think we've got to at least try our best to answer some of the questions, and as I said, I'm not headhunting, I'm not after the banks, I'm not after anybody. I just want a good public policy for agriculture and in this particular case I think the law could be refined, we could find some things, some middle ground here that are acceptable to both sides, and I guess I object to the idea that let's just delay the thing and change it so that we have nothing by the end of this session because I see this is nothing more than a delaying tactic not to even address the issue this year.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Chambers, did you want to address the bracket motion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chairperson and members of the Legislature, my name will appear on this bill as a co-introducer. I'm a member of the Judiciary Committee that conducted the hearing. I had asked a number of questions that I felt were probing to Mr. Brandt who was there representing the banking and, I presume, other lending interests. We all knew what middle ground we were seeking, but at that point nothing specific had been worked out, nothing specific and precise had been offered. So it was not necessary at the negotiations whenever and wherever they occurred that everybody who has an interest in the bill be present. The important thing was that the issues and the points of contention be raised and that there be somebody on