

self-help. I got a call to go talk to a group in Pleasant View, Iowa, never been there in my life, didn't even know there was such a place. They asked me do I mind coming to them even though they have been described as a Right Wing Neo-Nazi group, and I said, are you all farmers? He said, yes. I said, are you in trouble? He said, yes. I said, I will talk...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to the devil himself and I am going. What we need to do as people in government is show that within the system there is a way for people who feel great stress to get some relief. This bill offers that hope at least in the State of Nebraska. When I talked about it in North Dakota, other people thought that this could be a very good idea and a way to buy time for society at large if nothing else. But in addition to a broader societal benefit, it will lend assistance directly to those who are most seriously involved in the problems. Everybody needs a roof over his or her head. This bill offers that possibility and I hope you will adopt the amendment. I don't think it will hurt lending practices at all in this state. My time is up but I am going to put my light on again in case it is necessary to speak again.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, it is difficult to begin from the standpoint that I think for most of us we are undetermined as far as what the state policy is going to be for about 7 percent of our farmers this year who will go broke, and I raise the point on LB 999 that we have to begin developing a state policy for distressed farmers going through this ag crisis. This may not be the absolute vehicle that we will use to address that policy but I think it is one that we need to begin thinking about just as we have began thinking about the issue of nonresident tuition. We have to have a starting point, and this is, in my mind this is the particular starting point that we need to begin with. Now Senator DeCamp raised some very legitimate points as far as the Attorney General's opinion dealing with the fact that this may be only a bill that will address prospective judgments or partial redemption. My interest in the subject has been from the very beginning partial redemption. Give somebody an opportunity to work out their