

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would just briefly urge you to oppose this amendment, colleagues, not because it is not a good idea.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Let's hold it down so we can hear the speaker. Thank you.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me urge you to vote against this amendment. I salute Senator Schmit for bringing this concept in. It is a worthy concept. What it requires is that at least six months before a bank can initiate foreclosure procedures it's got to submit the case to mediation with the public counsel of the Legislature. That is going to have the effect of killing the bill. This amendment is going to be totally unacceptable to the Nebraska Bankers Association. It sets up a mediation procedure. It requires a six month notification before a mortgage foreclosure action can be implemented. Again, it certainly is a proposal worthy of consideration but on this bill, on Select File, is simply going to kill the bill. I'd urge that you vote against it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, please.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. Speaker, I call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote. We're voting to cease debate so we can move along. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Schmit, would you like to close, please, on your motion.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members, for a wild minute there I thought maybe I might have Senator Hoagland's support for my amendment, but it turns out that he doesn't support the amendment. I would only ask your to do one thing. Take a look at the amendment, whether it carries or it does not carry, and read the amendment, read the amendment. I think that you will recognize, as has been pointed out here by myself and Senator Rod Johnson, there are some things you can do and some things you can't do. Probably the most desirable thing we could do, with this bill, would be to adopt this amendment and put into