

place some kind of mechanism to utilize some of the resources we have at the present time. In fact there is no doubt in my mind that we could mitigate some of the expense by using some of the staff that we have right here in the Legislature. We have a number of qualified attorneys, a number of dedicated individuals who have had some experience with the public, who are concerned about what is happening to the state, and who would be in a position to assist the Ombudsman's office in carrying out the requirements of this bill, or this amendment. I think that it would be most helpful of all for an individual, be he farmer, be he businessman or otherwise, to know that the individual with whom he was dealing was an honorable person and a dedicated individual, and one who had some direct connection with the situation which we are facing. I have talked to a number of individuals who have come to me, and I know that some of the rest of you have, who have been dealing with scoundrels, plain, outright thieves in plain language, individuals who are mercenary to the nth degree, who have no concern for the individual, or the family, or the creditor, and in many instances only enrich themselves. The adoption of this amendment would set up a procedure whereby we would preclude that and we would, in fact, provide for a reliable kind of arbitration system and one which does, in fact, bring in a neutral third party. I have talked to many individuals who have utilized a third party, an arbitrator, whether it be an attorney or otherwise. Once you find that third party who is of good quality, good character, they are able to sit down, remove some of the hostility, deal with the facts and bring about some kind of a conclusion. I would suggest that if we do not adopt this amendment now that it will become a part of our law in the future. I want to point out that I heard this mornings news coming to Lincoln, five-thirty in the morning. They were talking about having adopted some similar procedure yesterday in the State of Iowa in one of the houses. I would suggest we might take a look at that. I would suggest it would be well in order for us to consider this seriously. I know it is very difficult at six-thirteen in the evening, this late date in the session, to bring about this kind of an idea. But I want to point out that Senator Rod Johnson has been talking about it for a long time. In many instances when you propose an idea such as Senator Johnson has proposed in LB 999 everyone begins to shoot at it, and they pick it apart, and they tell you why it won't work, and they exercise that tool which is most effective against all of us, ridicule, as Senator Chambers has pointed out. The one thing a politician cannot stand is ridicule, and I've taken my share of it, and I suppose I deserve some. But