

the point I want to make is this,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...that if, as a result of all of the dialogue and the rhetoric that has been expounded, telling Senator Rod Johnson what a good idea he had, but yet how it won't quite work, if we could come up with some sort of a compromise I would suggest that it would be worthwhile. I would suggest, at the very least, that this amendment is to be the subject of some discussion and an interim study if we do not adopt it at this time. I would hope that Senator Johnson, and I know he will, will continue to work in this area. I'd like to work with him if I could. I would also, at this time, move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote. Please vote if you care to so we can move along. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 8 nays on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have on the bill is that by Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Johnson would move to bracket LB 999.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I offer the bracket motion because I originally was the principle sponsor of LB 999. My goals were to try and provide some recourse for people who are going through foreclosure or for going through bankruptcy, to keep at least part of their homestead or farmstead, to hang on at least to putting a roof over their heads. The problem is, and all of us know it, we are holding out an empty bag that has nothing in it, especially when you are dealing with the retroactive ability of this bill to deal with the impairment of contracts that have already been made. And I think it is important for us to recognize if we pass the bill we are sending a message to people saying we are trying to help you, but we