

on, which I am asking you to do, I think you can then advance this bill to Final Reading basically with a song in your heart because you've done a good job, and you've done a good job for a struggling, debt-ridden community prospectively because we couldn't do it retroactively. Somewhere along the line I may try to do my impeachment amendment to the Nebraska Constitution. Needs to be done. When we dealt with impeachment, two years ago, we looked at procedures that were last tested in about 1896. But there they were and we had to go back to the 1896 law to deal with a modern day problem. Well, the same...and if we don't change that, if we don't learn from that experience we make a mistake. The same is true for what's happened to a debtor community in our state. We see their problems. We need to respond to their problems as best we can legislatively. And if all we can do is prospective legislation which will affect tomorrow's debtors, at least we have done the best job, we have learned from a bad experience. This amendment is a compromise amendment. I think Senator DeCamp agrees to it. We visited about it. We've worked out its terms. It will obviously deal with LB 999 in a prospective fashion. I would offer the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am going to support the amendment. But I do want you to know about two or three things. Number one, the amendment will make the bill, the provisions apply to deeds of trust. Through accident, through error, through whatever, even though they intended it originally apply to deeds of trust, the bill does not now apply to deeds of trust because somebody forgot to make it apply. I was trying to point out to you that is why the bill meant nothing. Even though it appeared to do something, it was like putting hubcaps on a horse and buggy because nobody is using the horse and buggies. And the portion of the bill they'll use, deeds of trust, they had accidentally, accidentally not made the bill apply to. So one thing you are doing with the amendment, you are making it apply to deeds of trust. Okay? I think that is counterproductive, ultimately, to providing financing to agriculture. But that is what they intended to do in the beginning, and that is what they thought they were doing with the bill. So, for that reason, it is only fair that what they intended, what you thought you were doing, actually be put into the bill. The other portion they have agreed on an 85 percent instead of my number of 75 percent. And I'm not going to go into the complicatedness of it, other than to say that is a reasonable compromise. But, rest assured,