

DeCamp. Senator DeCamp's amendment is on page 1719 of the Journal. Senator, I have two of yours.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp, on your amendment.

SENATOR DECAMP: I want to defer to Rod Johnson's amendment first.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Rod Johnson.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend the bill. Senator Johnson's amendment is on page 1941 of the Journal.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, let me begin by saying this is a significant, and let me repeat, a significant amendment to this bill and to the state, I believe, and it is one that I am sure that most of you have been contacted by both the banking industry and also the farm groups that represent many of the farmers in the state, have also been contacting you both for and against this amendment. Many of you have been around here when we had some of the most difficult, I think, fights that this Legislature had to make over the issue of double jeopardy and we have been fighting that issue for some time and it looks as if we will continue to fight that issue, at least for today again. If you recall, the federal government passed the 1985 farm bill with a provision in it and I would like to quote from a synopsis of the '85 farm bill relating to clear title. It says after 1986 buyers are clear from liability on liens against commodities bought from farmers unless buyers have been given either direct notice of those liens or through a state registry system. So under the farm bill you have two options and I say that you probably have three options and I am going to present...my amendment presents one of the options, at least, for this Legislature to decide what is the best policy for the state to follow. Right now we have what is known as pre or direct notification. Under this bill or under this amendment, I should say, we would go to the central filing system in the Secretary of State's office which we have established, spent an awful lot of money establishing in this state, and one that I think could work given some time and some attention by not only this Legislature but by the various groups that are fighting over this issue. And the third option I assume you could select would be to choose to do nothing. But I think if you do that, then you are asking for even worse trouble than you have right now between the two options that you are