

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose Senator Johnson's amendment. I would just pose a question because I understand that the farm bill did require a couple of things to...couple of choices, at least, as Senator Johnson indicated, and that was that the state either have a central filing system or that there was some system of prenotification. And the question I would raise is why we need to adopt Senator Johnson's amendment to use the central filing system when, in fact, we have a prenotification system working right now? I don't think we need to change anything. I think Senator Johnson mentioned that, the third option was to do nothing because if we do nothing, then we, in fact, are taking the second option that the farm bill called for. Now, unless my area is a lot different than it is across the state and I don't think it is, from the people I have talked to, the thing that the banking industry was telling us when LB 117 was up a few years ago that they couldn't do, that is they couldn't notify all the potential buyers so that they would make certain that the checks were two-party checks, they said they couldn't do that very well three or four years ago. Strangely enough, when the economy got bad enough, they figured out a way to do it real quick. I don't know whether anybody else can get a check without it being a two-party check but I know I sure can't and I don't think any of my neighbors can. So it seems to me that prenotification is already there. I think we are trying to create something that will cost a lot of money and that, quite frankly, will be more difficult for individuals to operate under if you are trying to buy something as an individual because I think it would be more difficult especially at certain times to get that information. So it seems to me that the method that we have now is working and I would suggest that we just not adopt the Johnson amendment and let the prenotification system that is working work. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Vickers. Senator Hefner and then Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: I call the question.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. The question is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.