

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, sir. (Gavel.)

SENATOR HARRIS: This letter was sent by...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Harris. Could we please have the conversation a little lower. It is getting awfully noisy. Thank you, Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes, I want to make sure that everyone knows that this has been brought up and discussed and considered by the committee and I want to give a couple of the things that were said within the committee in regard to the amendments and the bill. The letter from Erv Friehe said, "The proposed filing system is just one more example of outright discrimination against farmers by financial institutions." And certainly this is one of the things we talked about and I think it was summed up by Senator Schmit more than anyone else in that we needed to put this into place because there simply is no credit in the agricultural sector today. And if this will do something to bring that credit back to agriculture along with the hope for profitability, because the credit will follow the profitability, then we should put it into place. I strongly urge the body to support the amendments, the committee amendments, and also the bill, depending on how those amendments go on the floor but I strongly support the concept of the central filing system. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise...let me indicate, I rise to support the bill. I am a bit concerned about, as Senator Schmit indicated, Section 20 of the bill that deals with the endorsement of the check or the waiver of the lien, and I would like to ask Senator DeCamp...I don't see him on the floor at this particular...John, maybe you can enlighten me on how the procedure is going to go in regards to if I have a multitude of lienholders against my crop, specifically the bank, the seed dealer, the fertilizer dealer, the co-op, the fertilizer dealer, right on down the line, how am I going to get all those signatures, first of all, and second of all, how am I going to get agreement upon those lienholders as to who gets the money and who does not, because I am assuming that in every check somebody is going to get left out.

SENATOR DECAMP: That, indeed, is probably the single biggest, if you want to use a phrase, "legitimate question" that could be