

currently in financial trouble receive some help or some options they don't have today. The task force put together a two-sale method that is supported by the lenders and supported by many of the task force members but not all of them, by any means. I think that Senator Chambers and others will do their best to present the alternative side of this proposal. But at this particular time I am presenting the bill as I see it, in a way as I agreed to it, and that is that it has the support of the lenders and they actually, as I see it, gave a bit in this particular process because we weren't really called back here for the purpose of correcting the problems on retroactivity, we were called back here to correct the problems on future applications so that credit would continue to flow. I think that we have already accomplished that goal, basically, so the goal that we are now arguing really seems to be whether or not there is a way in which we can set up a procedure or mechanism to help farmers who are financially disabled. I think a point that needs to be clarified and I have tried to make that point in the committee hearing as well as in reports with reporters around this Capitol, that LB 999 was not designed in some superficial way to deny credit, on the same hand it was not designed to guarantee credit for any farmer. I think that has to be pointed out. There are going to be farmers who probably will not receive credit even if we pass LB 3 or even if we repeal all of this. The economy of the State of Nebraska and the financial situation of every individual farmer will determine whether or not he or she is going to receive financing, refinancing or being able to borrow new money to build or to continue to operate. So, I think that needs to be pointed out and I think we will hear a lot about how bad the economy is. I'm not going to go into it because I already know and I think that 90 percent of you in here know that as well. So, let's...for purposes of expediting this issue, I hope we won't get into a lot of that but I am assuming that people would like to discuss that. I guess finally I would just say this. There have been people who have said to us, to me, that LB 999, as it was passed and now possibly amended in LB 3, is going to provide nothing but false hope. I assume in some cases that will be true. But, I assume that if we repeal everything that we have done up to this particular point, we provide little or no hope for some people who might be looking at this option. So, to me, it is looking at something and saying, have we got something better than what we had before? I think, with the passage of LB 3, we might have a procedure, a mechanism, that will help some people in financial problems today and, of course, correct the credit issue of the future. Now, if push