

stay within the subject we have which is to deal with the Nebraska Homestead Protection Act. I just see us getting away from that subject in this particular amendment. I don't see anything in this amendment that couldn't be addressed during a regular session. At that time we can have a public hearing, bring people in and talk about it. At that time we can discuss it out on the floor. But, I would prefer if we could at best stay within the reasons we are here and that was to correct LB 999 and also to correct the LB 1, the central filing system. So, I don't have any set opinions about this particular amendment, or idea that Senator Schmit is offering. I think it probably has some merit, but I'm not so sure that we need to take it up here today during this special session. I would hope that we would stay within the realms of the special session that the Governor has called us back here for.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman and then Senator Sieck.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I think we have reached a point that we better recall what happened in the last session. We were told in the last session that we must pass LB 999. No if's, and's or but's, we had to pass that legislation. Well, now for some reason or other, maybe the reason was that some people were up for election and thought they had to vote for it because they needed support, or other people were serious when they voted for it because it was a good bill, but regardless of all of that, we passed LB 999. Now here we are again on the same issue and they are saying to us, under pressure, you must pass a bill to correct, not correct or to change LB 999. Now again we have come to a point where we have amended the bill, we have changed the original bill and I doubt if anybody can get up and go section by section and tell this body exactly what is in the bill and what the bill is intended to do. But, on the other hand, you take a look at the committee statement. The committee statement shows that Metropolitan Life, Nebraska Livestock Feeders, the Farm Credit Banks of Omaha and the Nebraska Farm Bureau, Nebraska Farmers Union, Nebraska Bankers Association and the Governor's office all testified in favor of the original bill before us. So I suppose we have to assume that what we are doing, and what we have done is the correct thing. I am going to give you an example and I'm not casting any criticism whatsoever on my good friend Senator Schmit. But Senator Schmit has placed an amendment before us that calls for a public counsel. I'm going to admit that I am not smart enough to know what a public counsel is. I know what the public defender is, the county