

rich or the super landed or the investor or speculator. They are the ones that should be doing it. If it is not done now, you will be doing it at sometime. But, in the meantime, the ones you could have kept in, the ones you could have provided financing to, the ones you could have started out new, be they young or farmers who maybe have gone broke and have a chance to start again, those, complete category you are cutting out. I would ask you to adopt this amendment, and as I say, it allows both sides, in a sense, a victory. Senator Kerrey and his group get their entire program, the Center for Rural Affairs gets their entire program. But it just says to that farmer who does want to go ahead and get financing when he is stopped otherwise, okay I waive it, just like the big guy. I want to get financing too. So I urge you to adopt the amendment. And, I repeat, if you don't, all you have done with this bill is shut off credit to the one group you claim you are trying to save.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson and then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, over the noon hour I guess some rumors got started that Senator DeCamp and I were cooking up a deal here to try and resolve this impasse that I see we are at. Nothing can be further from the truth. A matter of the fact is I talked to Senator DeCamp what his options were, what he was planning on doing, and he indicated that he was going to offer this amendment. I think it is a substantial amendment. It is one that needs to be discussed out here on the floor and it needs to be considered by each and everyone one of us. I see it as a situation that if there are certain people in the state that wish not to exercise their rights under this law, then they can opt out. I don't know how I am going to vote on it yet. I've been playing this thing in my mind since this noon when John and I visited, but I have guaranteed him nothing that I know of. We have simply talked about it. We simply tried to see if we couldn't reach some accord, but to be honest with you, it is going to be very difficult, I think, to pass LB 3 without this amendment in it, but I will certainly do whatever this body chooses to do with the bill, but I think you should pay attention to this. This may be the key pivotal point of this whole debate on LB 3. For those of you that don't know what's in the bill or don't know what this amendment is going to do, then I suggest this is the time to pay attention and we will see what happens. I'm not satisfied with having to go this route, but I don't see a lot of options left for us right now. So, I'm going to listen to the debate as much as everybody else and see what comes out of it