

I haven't spoke on the subject yet today and then I'm going to give the rest of my time to Senator Johnson. I think one thing that somebody in this body should take the time to do and I don't know if it is the senators that are so adamantly trying to defend the farmer and make it the best for him, but the way the bill is, was and is now without this amendment or even with the amendment, it is going to create a lot of false hope for a lot farmers out there and the only person that is going to benefit from it is going to be a bunch of attorneys, because attorneys can make a lot of money when the farmers come rushing to him on a voluntary or involuntary foreclosure and ask if he can save his homestead. The attorneys, being the honorable people they are, are going to say, "Gosh, yes, we will do it, but you have got to give me the money up front." I think there are a lot of people in here involved in agriculture and farming, Senator Schmit, Senator Johnson, Carson Rogers and a few other ones, go ask them if they can think of anybody that has been foreclosed on, either voluntary or involuntary, in the last two years or going through the process now that this bill would help them save the homestead. And, it will not. It gives false hope. I'm for the amendment but basically I'm still against the bill. I will give the rest of my time to Senator Johnson.

SENATOR CARSTEN PRESIDING

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Johnson, you have some time left.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I'm still not settled in my mind exactly what I want to do, but the one thing that does crop into my head very clear is that we are, as I see it, gambling with the future of an awful lot of people in this state who are neighbors of mine and yours and that to me, if it were just a situation that we were talking about Loran Schmit's farming operation or Rod Johnson's, then I would probably take a chance, then I would probably let the dice roll and see what happens. But the fact is we are not just playing with Rod Johnson's farm or Loran Schmit's farm or John DeCamp's farm, we are dealing with a lot of people in the State of Nebraska who are currently going through tough times but we are only, as I see it, possibly going to add to that if we don't get this issue cleared up of some sort. As I said before I came into this bill, I sponsored this bill from the very beginning at the request of the Governor and the people that worked on the task force, at least a majority of them, that felt that this would help solve some of the problems. Some of the same ones that told me before they really didn't like LB 3 are now telling