

me they really love it, as long as we resist this amendment. I guess I'm going to wait to reserve my judgment on this amendment but I just want you to be aware, I guess we have had a lot of people speak on this amendment and a lot of people that don't have farmers as constituents and I guess it concerns me that we may take a chance and we may once again put our hand right back into the fire as we did with LB 999 and cause a collapse of money to flow in the state again, and to me, I thought the purpose that we came here was to resolve the credit crisis on this issue and also on LB 1, and I don't know if we resolved it. I guess that is what I am saying. I came in believing that LB 3 probably would help resolve that problem and I still believe it does in part. But, I'm deeply concerned that we are taking a chance with an awful lot of farm operators in this state who are counting on us first of all to resolve the credit issue but also to see if we could not put together a mechanism to help some of those operators who may be losing everything. I don't know if we can do this. I have wrestled with it for day on end and I still haven't come to the conclusion where we have developed a procedure that is without fault. But, I think the discussion has been good, and as I said, this is an extremely important amendment and I don't know how to educate people on not to mortgaging everything they have. But, it seems absurd to think that if someone wants to go ahead and do it that we should stop them from doing it.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I hope you listened to what Senator Rod Johnson just said. Principally the nonagricultural legislators are arguing against the amendment. I'm going to keep this as impersonal as I can. But I think if you go back to the regular session there was a point at which Senator Johnson moved to bracket LB 999. At that point several other senators, one of them Senator Hoagland, took it upon himself to advance the bill. I don't know how many times Senator DeCamp warned that if you advance the bill and pass it into law you are going to be back here, you will create a monster, you will shut off credit, you will not create additional credit. Senator Hoagland assured us and reassured us this was not true. The point-blank, blunt, unbiased, barefaced truth is that we are back here. You followed Senator Hoagland's advice and we blundered. We blundered because we believed him. Now, ladies and gentlemen, it may be a game to Senator Hoagland, it may be a game to several others in this body, it is not a game to those of us who come from rural areas. I've been here