

is there. That is what I allow him to do, waive all the system that Senator Chambers and others have set out. That is the realistic way. Now, it has been alleged that my amendment guts the bill. And the truth is it guts it and more than guts it, and it should. The reason it does it is because you are going to shut off credit to an entire segment unless you allow the normal business principles of credit to operate. However, I can also say it doesn't gut it at all. It doesn't gut it because if you are correct that your system would work, why then lending institution and farmer will go along with it. I say it won't work. But if you are correct, if you can alter the rules of economics, then it will work. Now, as for lobbyists, if any individual in this entire body received any lobbying in favor of my amendment, from any institution, I would ask they stand up and admit it. Because I contend, and I believe, and I think the proof is there not one organization lobbied for the amendment. What I would submit, Senator Chambers, is something you don't want to face up to, and that is this, these people really can listen to arguments, they really can make a decision, they don't have to always follow lobbyists. And those who would always say, well, the lobbyists did this, or the lobbyists did that, maybe, maybe it is just an excuse when you didn't have the legitimate arguments in the first place. The lobbyists did nothing on this bill. If anybody can prove to the contrary, be it Governor Kerrey or anybody else, I think it should be done now because I think you are going to find they did absolutely nothing to help it, in fact, if anything, they hindered it. Was a deal made between Rod Johnson and me? I guarantee you, under a stack of Bibles or Koran's, or Talmud's, or whatever you want, absolutely no deal was made between Rod and I. I think what occurred, Rod looked at it and he saw that something had to be done, that he knew he was going to be hung if something wasn't done with continuing to destroy credit in this state. I urge you to reject the amendment. I urge you to pass the bill as it is. And, as I say, only if everything I'm telling you is right about economics and credit, does it gut the bill, because only if that is true, will the waivers be used. Do I believe that will occur? I believe economics is economics in Nebraska, or Washington, or anywhere else. And the waiver will be used, necessarily so to maintain credit.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time. Senator Schmit. Then Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the motion by Senator Chambers. I hope that most of you listen.