

agricultural producers. We came back here to deal with that issue. With the amendment in place, it destroys any barriers, as I see it, that could be thrown up in front of a farmer through the passage of LB 999 that would prohibit credit to flow in the State of Nebraska. The Governor has indicated to me, as we talked last evening, that he will sign the bill as it is amended. So I guess I don't see the controversy, although I understand some people are standing up for principle and standing up for philosophical beliefs but I think Senator DeCamp has indicated we have to inject a certain amount of reality into this situation. I guess I recognize that we have set about a task that was difficult to begin with, it has continued to be a difficult process, but we are coming close to something that will resolve some of the problems. And I've said this before that if there are continued problems in this whole issue that January is only six weeks away, we have a new legislative session coming up and we can deal with it at that time. I talked to the Governor last night and a comment surfaced in the Lincoln Journal that I think has to be exposed here on the floor, as well as in other debate. It comes from Mr. Strange with the Center for Rural Affairs in his comment, or discussed with the actions that we have taken on this issue. He said, I predict that more farmers will seek protection under the federal bankruptcy laws, and said that the center will help them do it en masse. We are going to set up a bankruptcy mill. He says, that is a shame because we will help take a few more banks with us. That bothers me a heck of a lot, folks, principally because when a bank fails it is not the depositor who is going to suffer, because FDIC is set there to protect them. But it is the lending customer, the borrower, which is principally in these small towns across Nebraska, farmers who are the ones that are going to get hurt. We've got an organization here saying we want to bring down some banks to prove a point, when they are hurting the same people they are supposedly helping under that particular procedure. That, to me, is an illogical statement, something that I can't conceive of anyone saying that. But I suppose in the heat of the moment someone may lose their temper and say those type of things. But, you know, we are asked to make some logical judgments here. I think that, quite frankly, I don't see any logical arguments being offered to oppose the DeCamp amendment. I think that he has presented the points. As he already indicated, I don't think any deals or any involvement from the lenders was involved at all. We had to make a decision, we have made it. I urge the body to let that decision stand. Let's pass the bill and let the Governor do his part, and, as he has already indicated, he would sign the bill, and