

was not in there. It just clears that up just a little bit. And the amendments to this bill, I think this is a very...it is an important bill. We have been working on this for a long time as far as the danger of farmers not being paid for their grain. So this whole bill just simply clears some of that up. The amendment to the bill simply allows that financial statements may be compiled by independent certified public accountants and independent public accountants or additionally by nonlicensed independent accountant. The requirements of a nonlicensed accountant are listed in the bill, in the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak about the amendments?

SENATOR DECAMP: I would rather listen to the opposition first.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Pappas, did you wish to talk about the amendments? You do.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, I suppose I am going to have to rise and oppose the committee amendments. For the life of me, I can't realize or understand why anybody in the times when we have grain elevators and every place else more or less going down the tubes. A lot of them rely on experienced accounting procedures and good bookkeeping practices that we are going to take away where we had before that just people experienced in those areas, experienced firms that know how to deal with that particular type of business and more or less open the door for anybody that has got a four-year degree or anything else, just coming out of school, and knows nothing about the industry can go do the auditing for these grain elevators and buyers. And, basically, the amendments aren't needed for the bill. And I would urge this body to look very closely at voting down the committee amendments and then go on to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak on the amendments? You are the only speaker left if you wish to.

SENATOR DECAMP: I was kind of afraid of that. Mr. President, old John has been around here a while and this has all the earmarks of the walker's paradise. Let me give you a little history and then explain what is happening and why there is a problem, the problem being an absolute void of members in the Legislature on this particular vote. A couple years ago, doing the sunset things, we did the sunset thing for accountants. In the negotiations, in the negotiations for doing the sunset law