

and loan at home where everyone else is paying 9.48 or 9.6 right today, they will only pay 9%. You think they are getting the money? Under no condition are they going to get it and no one else is going to be able to borrow money from them. I don't know why in the world you need a sunset provision on this when we are in session every year. 12½% may not even be enough. Next year or the year afterwards we will have to change it. It may be way too much. If the economy really goes down and there is that feeling today, it may be 11% is way too much. Certainly I would be against setting it on a sunset under any condition. Let it go. Let the Legislature change it every year if they have to change it but you are not going to get money under any condition unless you give enough break between what they are paying for money and what you are going to get and I am against the sunset provision. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the Burrows amendment. You know I think it would make almost as much sense to take the interest ceiling off altogether because for all practical purposes that is what we have done and at least at that point in time we would not give institutions a target to shoot at but when you set that rate at 12½% you can be darn sure there will be a number of them that will go right to the 12½% and again as I have said earlier they will be charging it to those individuals who can afford it least because the individuals who have a tough enough financial statement to negotiate in the bargain are not going to be paying 12½%. Even though that rate does not apply to corporations you can find many of those corporations that can negotiate their rates of interest below the existing 11%. I think that when we talk about whether or not it is necessary to have a sunset, I think it is just as necessary to have a sunset to protect the people from high interest rates as it is to have a sunset to protect the people from unlimited amounts of government. Everyone seems to think it is a good idea to talk about sunsets on government. Of course the practical matter is when it comes time to pull down the shade on a government agency, no one has the guts to do that either. We just like to talk about it. We like to go back home and tell people, my we did you a favor. We put a sunset provision in the law. Well it is just like the lid provisions that we have got, full of holes and full of loop-holes and full of cracks but it is something to talk about