

probably within two to four months, you are going to see anywhere, if it hasn't already happened in many cases, between fifty and seventy percent of all the homebuilders in this state technically bankrupt or broke, out of business. Now that is a sorry state of affairs. You just don't start a homebuilding industry overnight again. This fund helped to save it the last time. I think it can contribute significantly this time and the resolution may not have any more effect than telling Congress, hey, look, you know we as one state want you to leave us alone and let us continue to utilize this and that is what the resolution does and I would urge you to support it.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk. Read the motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell requests to rerefer the resolution to the Executive Board for a reference to a Standing Committee for public hearing.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, we are talking about this program in a way in which we all, all of us, Johnnie DeCamp, Don Wesely, Chris Beutler, Dave Newell and others, have a very general knowledge of the program. To really analyze the pros and the cons I think we need more information. Frankly we do not know, unless somebody here could volunteer to tell me, how much money the federal government is losing because of this kind of program, how effective it has been to really targeting assistance nationwide, and really we are telling Congress from that sort of perspective or our delegation that we think it is a good program and we haven't analyzed all the different facets of that program to weigh whether or not it in fact is the most efficient way to provide this kind of housing assistance or whether it is not. I think it is important to ask the mortgage finance people to come in and explain just exactly what their program is and what it does and how it does it, to ask for some information from the federal government from our Congressional delegation, ask them to help us better understand it so that we can make an honest analyzation of whether or not this is a meritorious program. From my reading, and again I am not in any way saying that I am an absolute authority on this issue, but I have served on some NCSL committees in which we have discussed this, and from my reading of the program, it has in fact been fairly successful but at costs that I think are not in keeping with what we think of in this body and in the federal level as really efficient and as well targeted as they ought to be. For that reason I have grave doubts about the efficacy of instructing or encouraging