

law and in the State of Nebraska under the statute of frauds, and there certainly is the growing precedent in other states that recognize this kind of transaction as one that needs to be in writing to protect the creditor and the debtor. Mr. Speaker, since I'm still recognized, I will ask to withdraw the amendment before the Clerk.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Landis. Anything further?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question then is the advancement of LB 606. Senator Schmit, would you care to discuss the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I rise in support of LB 606. And I recognize the concerns of Senator Lamb, they are legitimate concerns. But hopefully the language in LB 606 will be somewhat binding, will be binding upon the banker and the banker will, of course, be in position to notify the borrower that there must be a written agreement, and that casual approval of a loan or application of a loan or line of credit is no longer sufficient. I think that we are entering into the kind of times every day that are making it more and more difficult for a line of credit to be sustained, and therefore certainly written agreements to outline the parameters of the agreement are probably more in order. Most bankers, I am sure, as do the borrower probably lament the need for that kind of situation, but the circumstances of the past five or ten years have probably been more indicative than anything else that we need to have some kind of a formal agreement. I think certainly over the years as times developed to become more involved in our various operations all of us felt the need for this sort of thing. But in a way it's unfortunate we had to put it in the statute, but probably it's a good idea, therefore I support the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. Speaker, are there any other lights on?

SPEAKER BARRETT: There are none, Senator.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: May I close on this? It is my priority bill