

those, especially the elderly, that have worked hard all their lives and saved and saved and saved for their retirement and then at the very end know that they cannot even get a return on their savings, so I'm very, very proud to be a co-sponsor of LB 356 and I urge the rejection of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: I yield to Senator Landis.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Since there has been no opposition with the exception of Senator Goodrich, I'll make some brief remarks and perhaps the question could be called and we could get to this issue. If, in fact, the committee amendments are adopted, we would have the chance to offer an amendment and renew this colloquy if necessary. I have on a couple of occasions spoken an analogy which I think applies and perhaps it has worn out its welcome, but I find that it's the only way I can vent my frustration on the issue and so I do it again. What the state has done in this situation I think is rather analogous to a person in whom you have trust and faith. Perhaps you've hired them as a watchman and have put them on retainer to make sure that your house is safe and they do a search every night. Well, one night they come across a closet and in the closet is an open gas can and some empty rags and dirty rags and some flints and some dynamite, all in proximity, and then there is this flashing open electrical socket that is sparking up above, and seeing this dangerous situation the watchman closes the door and turns the light off in the room and stands outside the door. And next to it are two other closets as well and he stands guard outside. And a person walks up, the person who has hired this watchman, the homeowner and he says, is it safe in there? And the watchman, oh, it's perfectly safe, I promise you it's safe; feel free to go in there, it's safe in there. And the homeowner says, well, all right, and the watchman says, oh, by the way, it's dark in there so here's a lighted torch to carry with you when you go inside. I'm just going to walk down the hall here, but you take the lighted torch inside the closet. And so the homeowner does, the rags ignite, the gasoline fires up, the TNT explodes and the house comes crashing down. The homeowner is the depositor, asking the state, the person hired to do their bidding, to see if institutions are safe, asking their advice, is this safe? And the watchman who knows it's unsafe through