

while. Sometimes you vote on a bill that you just feel plain uneasy about, but you have no good basis to vote no, and I remember that bill very well as feeling very uneasy, not knowing any reason at the time at least, and I should have known I think, if I'd looked at numbers a little more carefully and the size of institutions we were attempting to cover with very modest guarantee. One should have known that the potential was there. I was asked once to list votes of that I have made in the 25 year, 26 years that I regret. Obviously, the vote on that bill in 1977 is at the top of that list. There is some others, I might add, but that one stands out very clear because I had that uneasy feeling that I still recall to this day.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. The member from the 26th District, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been asked. Do I see five hands please to close debate? I do. Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Landis, would you care to close on the adoption of the committee amendments?

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will, as form dictates, ask the body to vote on the committee amendments. I will not, on the other hand, ask that you vote in favor of the committee amendments as we close on this discussion. I want to talk about what I think underlies the no votes that this issue always generates across the state and from my colleagues. Under the eaves, when the lights are off and we're sitting around alone, I talk to my colleagues. They say, well, I'm kind of torn, Dave, I think you make a good case but, frankly, my constituents won't let me vote for this bill. They tell me not to. And if I had to characterize why they tell me not to vote for this bill, they'd say that if the situation was reversed and if Lincoln and Omaha were called upon to come to our rescue and our aid, they wouldn't do it. If it was one of our co-ops that went down, if it was a grain elevator regulated by the Public Service Commission that exploded, I don't think they would be here for us, and if they're not going to be here for us, we're not going to be able to reverse the