

situation here. These people were out looking for money, they were looking for the best investments, they didn't read the fine print and out here in the country we know to read the fine print. If you get in trouble, I doubt if you would bail us out, we're not going to help to bail you out. And I understand that thought. I hope it isn't true. I hope that one takes a look at the votes for Amendment 4 in which the rural elements of this state said we need some help, and they got it from the urban areas. I hope that when this state's representatives in Congress argue for grain supports and high support for our agricultural commodities, and we've elected those senators to do that, that that support comes from the urban areas as well as the rural areas, Lincoln and Omaha as well as outstate Nebraska calling for grain supports for our farmers. When Initiative 300 was passed and urban voters were asked to vote for what we thought was a pro-farm action, we did. Now frankly that is not the same thing as a bailout of an institution. But where institutions around this state have gone down, they have been backed by taxpayers, Alliance, Beatrice, Columbus, Fremont, Gering, Grand Island, Gretna, Hastings, Kearney, and more. Tax-supported institutions have done that. And when the FSLIC crisis goes on now at Washington and the feds argue about bailing out savings and loans, without the same kind of oversight that we have here, without the same kind of record of management knowledge on our part, a wrongdoing, Nebraskans don't say, oh, don't bail out the S & Ls. We don't send back the message, let them hang out to dry. On the national scale, I think we're going to support FSLIC. We're going to support the FDIC bailouts throughout the state. The three institutions that we won't support are the ones that our name is behind and that is an irony too deep to appreciate or find any consolation or humor or anything else in. I would hope, and I will spend the rest of my days here...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...prepared to do likewise in return should the situation be reversed, and that is to send Lincoln and Omaha dollars where they are needed if there is some kind of similar situation where the state knows of a problem, regulates the problem, falls down on the job, injures individuals who relied on the state and then the state takes a powder. I hope that when that day comes you will be able to rely upon me to support fair and reasonable compensation. I ask it of you today and personally, although it's now time for a vote, I ask you to