

process particularly well and not being completely comfortable with where we are, I have offered the bracket motion and, again, I wish I could find Senator Landis so that he can respond to these things. He's in the Governor's Office, I understand. But I just want you to be aware that we may be departing from traditionally how we've done business here in terms of other schemes financed by NIFA. The state may well now be a primary participant in a debt financing scheme, and I did some checking on this as far as what would the...what dire consequences would occur and to whom if this bill does not pass and it doesn't look to me like anybody would be hurt right now if we didn't pass this bill. And, as far as at this point, people who would.... Good, there's Senator Landis. At this point there is a priority list. We did...some of the good things about this bill is we did put some provisions in there for small towns through the cooperation of Senator Landis and there are some options out there if the bill doesn't pass and that is simply the program would continue as is. But I do want to raise this policy question. I think it's an important policy question. I regret that we've been unable to completely answer that. It certainly has not been because everybody hasn't tried. I think we all have tried and Senator Landis's office has done a very good job of trying to respond to that, but I continue to have concerns about what kind of policy we're embarking upon here and I'm going to give the rest of my time to Senator Landis and for anybody else who wants to talk about this to respond to these. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Let me just ask if Ms. Scofield would like to frame in any way a particular question that I should use my time to address.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Landis, the main...the main concern I have here and the main thing I guess I would want you to respond to are my concerns about the policy questions; that, in fact, does 311 represent a change in the position of where the State of Nebraska inserts itself from other similar financing schemes, would be my primary concern. And I would specifically cite the latest Attorney General's Opinion which essentially says we can't comment on the policy questions raised here because we, frankly, don't know either. I'll try to find that language to be more precise. Go ahead if you like, Senator Landis, and explain where we are as a state in the financing scheme and I