

SENATOR LANDIS: I am sorry...Mr. Speaker, you were...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you like to close on the advancement?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, Senator Conway was right to remind me, it is entirely possible to put together a capital formulation right now and to buy out somebody who owns a bank, to buy out somebody who owns an S & L, to buy a previously chartered institution, and to become the successor purchaser of that institution, and that is entirely possible. Senator Owen Elmer was asking me about that, and that authority, that power exists in the marketplace today. LB 956 does not alter that power. What 956 talks about is the sale of branches of S & Ls and the proper acquisition methods for preexisting chartered banking institutions. But if you want to go out and if you want to buy an S & L, you can do it if you have got a zillion bucks, and you have got to buy the S & L, and you have got to buy the charter, and then you have to go and get the charter rechartered for you as the new purchaser, but that all exists in existing law anyway. The reason that this bill is so timely is because the RTC is getting ready to sell banks, or, sorry, S & Ls in this area, and there are failed S & Ls in Nebraska that need to be harmonized with our existing financial institutions. I am told the RTC is awaiting the outcome of this bill because they would consider selling some of their work perhaps by on a piecemeal basis should this bill pass, and that is why I asked the Speaker to put it on the agenda, and, in fact, that is why it is here before you today. Again, 956 has the amendments for the Banking Department in it, and those were LB 985. This permits the acquisition of failed and failing S & Ls, failed S & Ls by federal definition, or failing S & Ls who are trying to recapitalize themselves into health by selling off branches according to a definition of having been undercapitalized by the federal government, but the sales are, as I say, authorized and agreed to by state banking regulation. I would move for the adoption and advancement of 956.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The motion before the body is the advancement of LB 956 to E & R Initial. Those in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLEBK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 956.