

contract, sorry, see you in court, send in your check. Arlene Nelson is on the side of constituents and individuals who will have to go in and fight for a couple thousand bucks to undo a nine or eight hundred dollar contract. It just doesn't make sense. What you're going to do is, if you leave things the way they are, you're going to force people to spend good money after bad to get out of contracts that were fraudulent to begin with. We need this piece of legislation, we need it this year. It's time to pass this measure.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Nelson.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I want to read a letter that I received this morning. It's from an elderly lady in Verdon, Nebraska. Dear sir, during the last of November, first of December, 1987, we received several calls from a representative of Sycamore Springs of Sabetha, Kansas. On December 18, 1987, we agreed to talk to them. We were presented a pretty picture of their facilities and proposed improvements. We agreed to purchase a membership only after they emphasized that it could be sold back to them after one year, if we were not satisfied. They stated that only a few memberships were available so as to protect the facility from overcrowding. They stressed that the membership would be easy to resell, as there were plenty of buyers. Also discussed at our initial meeting was the inheritance of the membership. I have six children and the representative assured me that all six of my children would inherit a lifetime membership. As my husband and I are on Social Security as our only income, we are ages 68 and 75 respectively, we would never have purchased this just for ourselves. At a later date we were informed that only one of our children could inherit our membership. I asked about selling our membership and was told that it had to be converted to a "centennial" membership. So, on March 16, 1989, two of their representatives visited our home in Verdon, Nebraska. They persuaded us to convert to a centennial membership. On September 10, 1989, Thousand Adventures called a meeting at Sycamore Springs, Kansas. They wanted to sell shares of Sycamore Springs to the members. We had several questions, but they evaded actually answering any of them. We sensed that they were in trouble, so we agreed to forfeit all money paid to date just to terminate our membership. But they will not agree to a termination. Thousand Adventure has sold our membership papers to the Norwest State Bank, Post Office Box 187, Weeping Water,