

introduce some guests under the south balcony. There are a party of nine leaders from Bulgaria, students of the U.S. Government, and they are sponsored by the United States Information Agency. Will you students please stand and be recognized. Thank you, we welcome you and we hope you have a happy stay here. Thank you very much. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Nelson and Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members, far be it from me to attempt to stand on this floor and defend deceptive advertising practices. I've bought enough used automobiles and used farm equipment, I've signed enough contracts at my age to know to read the contract. I think that anyone ought to be protected from deception and outright lies. What I think also is if you get to be an elderly person, as Senator Chambers very touchingly refers to us, by that time you ought to have lived long enough, read enough contracts, dealt with enough salespersons to know a little bit about what you're doing. And certainly there are opportunities for deception, we have it in every day activity. Might even say a little deception takes place once in awhile on this floor. Happened to me on a bill of my own that I didn't read thoroughly enough. But the point is this, that insofar as this particular activity is concerned, if there is skullduggery going on, and Senator Nelson has pinpointed some of it, and she can take a bill like this and prevent that from harming someone, I'm in favor of it. What I want to be sure of is that we have just not, as we have so oftentimes on this floor, singled out one industry, and that we're going to correct all this deceptive advertising, while at the same time we allow it to continue in many other areas of business. I would just suggest that perhaps, I don't know how much of a violator my constituent happens to be. Far be it from me to think that my constituent is anything other than an honorable business person. If Senator Nelson has evidence to the contrary, I'm glad to look at it. I only met the person for the first time in my life here a few weeks ago. And I do not intend to stand here and try to defend unscrupulous activities. I just want to say that when we address this issue I'm sure there are many legitimate entities out there who will find themselves being penalized because of the unscrupulous operators. There ought to be a way to do it without penalizing those legitimate businesses who are performing a service. I'd just like to suggest also it is so easy to talk about someone going into bankruptcy because of a \$4,000 contract. Ladies and gentlemen, anyone who goes into bankruptcy on behalf of a \$4,000 contract had no darn business