

Session. I don't think that we're ready, we don't have a consensus, and I think that's been evidenced...I mean, I think I'm right on that. We don't know what we're doing. I think things are moving really, really fast right now. I'm really getting frightened about what we're doing here in the heat of the moment. You know, I voted for some things that maybe are not right at this point in time, but I finally decided I'm going to make a point, and that is let's make it fair for everyone. And I think that's what you're trying to do with your amendment. But on the other hand, the point has been made to me, by these very people, this is the essence of the whole thing. We're down here to try to save the local subdivisions from further erosion. On the other hand, if we do this, if we accept your amendment, then what are we going to be doing to ourselves and to these people who these very services that we're talking about, out in those counties, towns, whatever you...wherever you are at in the State of Nebraska, in the subdivisions, we're trying to protect because won't this open the door to the possibility of losing everything? If we do that, what about those services that we were talking about trying to save? Who is going to pay for the total loss that could result? I'm not laying a finger on you, Ron. I'm just asking someone, who...is there anyone that will respond to me about this concern? Yes, Ron, if you think that...I mean, if you can clarify that for me, because that's a real concern that I'm now feeling.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Senator Smith, I don't want to use much of your time. I would just say that I think there are probably other things we can do to stop the bleeding, that's the cliché that's going around. I think this particular thing is wrong and is bad. I would be more than happy to sit down and work with the subdivision folks to work out an alternate way to stop the bleeding. But to say that an individual has to have been smart enough, rich enough, capable enough to have been a party to an action before they get back their funds, I don't think that's the right way to do it. And I don't want to take any more of your time. I'll finish with my closing.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And I will respond a little bit to that, too, Ron, because that appealed to me, when you said that, immediately. I agree with you with that whole philosophy on the surface, because I think it's totally unfair that only those who can afford could get off the hook, is what it really amounts to.