

the Chair, I'm going to let Senator Bernard-Stevens explain the Abboud amendment to me because I'm sure somebody back there understands it better than I do and if he doesn't want to explain it, anyone can just go on down the list and explain the amendment, then we'll all know what is going on. Bernard, you're my guest.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Schmit, I would be glad to explain the Abboud amendment on the policy issue, but I know your wisdom and I know what you're doing, I'm not going to fall for that particular trap and I would be welcome to talk with you and make sure that we both understand the same thing, but you know what it is very, very well, and I'll let you continue and I'd give your time back.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The point has been "maken". Does anyone else want to use my time?

SPEAKER BAACK: Going down the list, Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I...this is the first time that I have ever addressed this particular bill. I was with a lawyer last night from Lincoln, Nebraska. I've known this particular lawyer for a long, long time. I respect his judgment. He simply told me that he did not understand this bill a hundred percent. He said, I don't know how in the heck you guys down there would understand it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rogers. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Carson Rogers, too. I think you probably summed up the sentiments of a good number of senators this morning. I want to talk just a little bit about Senator Landis's last speech, and maybe not so much to the substance of it, but to the message that it sends. And it goes a little bit to what I am doing this morning. If you think, Senator, that I am here fronting for an association, you are wrong. The reason that we have a Legislature is that you bring competing interests to the floor. The law, the Legislature, the state isn't made up of who is right and who is wrong. It is made up of people who have interests, people who