

guidelines. There are apparently around 1,100 appraisers currently...I'm using the word "licensed" now, registered maybe is a better word, in Nebraska until the testing can begin and we cannot begin the testing until we have met the federal requirements and we haven't done that yet. We won't know how many will qualify under the new licensee and general certification categories, the two higher categories. There are some rough estimates that perhaps as many as 500, perhaps somewhat more, would qualify, would be likely to qualify under the more stringent categories. So it is a problem but I'm not sure, I think we're doing everything we can under the flexibility of the federal law to alleviate the problem. If you know of anything else that can be done, I would sure welcome your suggestions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Lamb, did you have further discussion? Senator Landis, did you wish to close...oh, no, Senator Smith, your light just came on. Do you have some discussion on that?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes. Maybe my discussion is more for the bill. Could I ask questions now about the licenses, or should I hold until the bill?

SPEAKER BAACK: Are they part of the committee amendments or part of the bill?

SENATOR SMITH: Probably it would be the bill itself then. All right, I'll hold off then. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay, just leave your light on then. Senator Landis, do you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me briefly close by characterizing the committee amendments as scaling back the application of 203 and making the requirements fall more closely in line with federal mandates. When the bill originally came in it touched appraisers who were doing appraisals that really were not necessarily related to any federal loans or the like, some in-house appraisals, if you will. And the general tenor of the committee amendments were to cut back on the spillage or the overage of the bill's impact on the appraisal industry beyond the terms of the federal guidelines. And I would urge for the adoption of the committee amendments.