

taken a lot of abuse. The one thing we cannot stand is to have it fail because we do not exercise the proper jurisdiction. I want to just touch on a couple of other points. This Legislature took some criticism a few years ago when the Commonwealth Savings failed and State Securities failed because we established an insurance fund which was not properly funded. We established a NIFA lending association. We did not properly supervise NIFA. We have established here a lending organization. They have \$20 million. That's larger than a whole bunch of banks in the State of Nebraska. We have given them virtually no guidelines and we do not tell them how far they can go or what we are going to do because none of us know how long we are going to be on this floor to influence the legislation. So before we get ourselves in a bind which is much more serious than the one in which we find ourselves now, I want us to know exactly where we stand relative to the amount of money that is available, the amount of money that is committed, the amount of money that will be coming in and the prospects for future involvement of this fund. So with that, Mr. President, I'd ask permission to withdraw this amendment and I hope that we can move the bill, but I will tell you, very frankly, that if those numbers do not come out right, I will stand up, if necessary, and ask to kill the bill rather than to get ourselves into more trouble. Thank you again.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Any further amendments on the committee amendments?

CLERK: Nothing further on the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Hall, do you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With Senator Smith's amendment and Senator Moore's amendment, I would urge adoption of the committee amendments as they have been amended.

SPEAKER BAACK: We'll now proceed to vote on the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.