

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: I think I pretty well explained it just a few minutes ago, the reason for doing it. The committee amendments are 36 months. It's nothing that I can't absolutely live with. I explained to you the reason for my amendment that I have just offered. Actually, that is too long. But if the committee felt and long established businesses that...can convince someone that they have sound business practices, that's a point for the body to decide. But I would hope that you would reject them and accept my amendment which is still 12 months and changes the word "shall" to "may" and contains a monthly automatic renewal clause. That gives these people some control over their contract and the length, tying someone's money up, I can tell you, in thousands of dollars for three years' time is simply too long. But I can accept it if the body does not wish to accept mine. I would hope that you would accept my amendment. Let me tell you, as a perfect example, remember, the senators have been on the floor, we had the camping club, the same...same concerns, memberships being sold that simply did not come through. This will not hurt the good clubs that are there for...that do provide good services and so on. This is just to...as in every industry, there are some that need to have some attention to. I will call the attention to the Coast To Coast Camping Club. They have been in business for I don't know how many years and yet look at their irregularities and the problems that people had in buying camping club memberships. So I'm not sure that there is any difference in this industry. Some are and some are not good. Three years is just too long. So I do hope you accept my amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Landis, on the Nelson amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members, I think Senator Nelson and the committee are trying to achieve the same objective. And that objective, I assume, is to create a climate in which a reputable, good and well-capitalized exercise club can flourish and provide services and yet there would be a sufficient amount of constraint that people not invest large sums of money and not be able to get what they paid for because the club closes up. When the committee moved from 12 months to 36 months, we did so based on the evidence we had at the hearing. It had a reputable dealer come in and tell us what his circumstance was. Senator Nelson I understand saying, well, I just think that's too long.