

Here's my suggestion on how to proceed. I would suggest that we defeat the Nelson amendment to the committee amendment. I would suggest that we adopt the committee amendment. I would suggest that we move the bill. I would suggest that the burden be on, if you want to, it will fall on the committee, if not, perhaps on Senator Nelson, but to inquire of the industry what kind of fluctuation might be appropriate. Maybe it's 12 months with an automatic renewal. Maybe it's 24 months. Maybe it's 36 months. But we are sufficiently ill-informed among all of us who are here to make that decision and make that adjustment. We're not negotiating with ourselves in this sense, we're negotiating with the cash flow arrangements of businesses that we don't know anything about. Now, maybe the committee was a little more accommodating to Mr. Knowles than it should have been. Perhaps there is a tighter standard. I don't want to move to a different standard, however, without any evidence of its appropriateness. And I would like to have that evidence before I move to a different standard, which means this is what I would suggest for the body to do, defeat the amendment to the amendment by Senator Nelson, adopt the Banking Committee amendment, advance the bill today, wait, and between now and Select File do some analysis, whether it's by the Legislative Fiscal Office, whether it's by the Banking Committee or whether it's by Senator Nelson's office, to identify if there is a place between 36 months and 12 months that is appropriate for people who are out there doing good business to keep doing good business. What we shouldn't do is just guesstimate as to what we think will work and unknowingly create a bad climate for people, and that's the difficulty of acting without some kind of inventory of the experience in the field. And, towards that end, I reluctantly rise because I'm...I'm a yes voter on this bill. I made the motion to advance it, as a matter of fact, and I'm a supporter. I don't want to create unfair barriers and obstacles to working reputable business people and that's why that provision is in there. I certainly would reconsider it but I'm not prepared to move to another standard without higher evidence than what we have now.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, thank you, and members of the body, Senator Nelson, would you answer one question?

SENATOR NELSON: Sure.