

time. It helps with financing of the business. How many businesses of this sort are there in Nebraska? Do you have any idea, considering the 172 complaints?

SENATOR NELSON: There must be a lot of them. I can't honestly tell. In my area, there are not as many as in Omaha and Lincoln. I can get that answer for you but I honestly do not know. But stop to think of this, Senator Wehrbein, if there were 172 complaints filed with the Attorney General's Office, you know that there are probably ten dissatisfied people out there for every one complaint. I have never gone to the Attorney General's Office with a complaint, and it has to be pretty serious before people do. So there must be a lot of dissatisfaction out there.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. I'll just make some general observations, I guess. I am uncertain as to whether to go to 36 months yet, but it appears we have on the one hand, an owner trying to protect their investment and provide some continuity versus the safety of an individual who is invest...or going to participate in the club, and which rules is going to be the difficulty. But it does seem to me, not knowing how many groups like this there are in Nebraska, that 172 complaints is rather high, and I realize, with that kind of basis, it is hard to know whether this is...how relative it is. I tend to agree with the shorter contract without knowing the side of the employers here or the people...the providers, knowing whether that...I don't understand the financing, I don't know whether this is a big business in terms of millions of dollars a year or whether it is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars a year gross. I am not aware of those issues and it is kind of hard for me, and I assume others, to make this decision in this area without knowing all the facts and that is what I think is going to make it difficult to understand. I do know it seems, ultimately, it looks like to me that the number of complaints being filed makes it a fairly serious charge, and I would be inclined at this point to vote against the committee amendments and go with the original intent of the bill. And with that, I guess I will say no more.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Nelson, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR NELSON: I believe I have explained it and I think Senator Wehrbein wrapped it up. I am not to say...I just want