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implications of these new entities much more carefully and/or the other option is to look at where the credit is going, have more restrictions on those. And we'll be raising that issue in the future. But at this point I guess I don't have any further problems with LB 681, I'm simply raising an issue that will be coming back before the Legislature here in the near future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. I hope I don't take my full time, because if there are other questions I would like to answer them. But I want to switch now towards the competitive nature of what we're doing. Two years ago there were only four states that had LLPs. Today that number is 33 states have something similar to what we're proposing, they jumped quicker than we did. Through the assistance in the Banking Committee, quite frankly, was very helpful in allowing us to have a two-year study of this instead of just introducing it and passing it. The jump to be first didn't seem to be as wise as the nature of studying it. And, quite frankly, I think we've got some amendments that have made it a better law for our state. But we need to realize there are also two states that recognize foreign LLPs, so in effect there are 35 states that have some LLP legislation. This legislation is helpful also because we're going to start to recognize foreign LLPs, make them register and have them come in and operate in the state, and we need to have some mechanism to deal with them as well. So, with that, quite frankly the reason I introduced this is that it was the last piece of the business entities. I do have the Nonprofit Corporation Act which makes Senator Landis cringe a little bit just from volume. But this is the last piece of the business entity rewrites for this state, and will bring us up-to-date as we head off into the next century. And I would be glad to answer any of the questions. If you ask me who would be most likely to take advantage of an LLP, I would tell you that it would be the small businesses, because it's hassle...it's less hassle-free to get started, it's easier to maintain it, it's more like a partnership, but it does give you some of that benefit from protecting your assets from suits from other partners. With that, I'd be happy to answer any other questions and would yield my time back.