

grammatical changes in the bill that certainly clarify it much clearer than it was originally set out. I still am of the opinion that this is a good bill. It's one that is drastically needed, or could be needed by any county who would, in fact, be in a position, because of a situation not of their own making, to be at a financial...in a financial crisis. And because of that, these...this bill could be of assistance to them in either the method of making a loan at a low rate of interest or an outright grant. I hope that many of you can understand this situation and how it could affect your particular county if, in fact, these kind of situations would develop in your area. I would certainly be pleased to answer any questions that anybody might have in regard to this because I think now the bill is into the place where it should be acceptable and be able to move on to Final Reading. I guess at that point I would stop and ask if there are any questions and further discussion and would try to deal with it in that manner. With that, I thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Before we get to the speakers, would like to introduce some guests. We have the family of Pastor Ubben, who delivered the invocation this morning. We have his wife, Diane, and their children. Would you please stand and be recognized. To address the Vrtiska amendment will recognize Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senators Chambers and Maurstad.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Vrtiska, I assume you don't need anymore time at this point. I'm going to support this. I think it does the intent of what at least I had in mind and what Senator Vrtiska is proposing. It looks like to me that it does take care of my concerns. I would ask Senator Vrtiska now, as this applies to the A bill. I'm trying...using the example that you have introduced the bill for, the \$200,000. What is the basis for the \$200,000 as it might fall within this proposed language in this bill so that I have an idea of how all this is going to fit together and how the \$200,000 was arrived at

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Wehrbein, I...the \$200,000 was, of