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I think at this time, knowing what LB 1027 means, which is it means it provides the Director of the Department of Banking and Finance a tool to provide some further assistance to the depositors of Commonwealth, and knowing again how chary the Legislature is about opening up interstate banking, I am inclined to leave the contiguous state provision in even though it is of constitutional question. Secondly, the committee amendment does specifically limit interstate banking privileges to somebody who comes in to bail out an industrial loan and investment company who had assets over \$25 million. Senator DeCamp would strike that provision as well. If that is stricken, then obviously we can have more interstate banking in Nebraska than banking just to take care of the Commonwealth situation. Are we yet prepared for the kind of interstate banking in Nebraska that could occur? Again, recognizing the fights that we have had in this body over the last decade regarding multibank holding companies, branch banking and the like, I am inclined to believe at this time that we're not yet prepared to go whole hog. So probably the better part of discretion is to reject the DeCamp amendment and that would be the position that I would take.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I am very enthusiastic about that portion of the DeCamp amendment which would remove the contiguous state limitation. I am not so enthusiastic about the other portion in that I believe we should deal with problems as they come up and not necessarily in advance and for that reason I would ask for a division of the question as between the contiguous state portion of the amendment and the remainder of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: We can divide it that way. The question is divided.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Which is the first section, Mr. Speaker?

SENATOR CLARK: The contiguous state is the first section of it. We are now debating the first part of it. Do you want to talk on that?