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SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I told Senator DeCamp I would keep my mouth shut. Now this has got out of hand to the point that it shouldn't be. Now your original amendment was that the same amendment offered to the committee by Mr. Ley of the Banking Department.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, he did not actually offer the amendment. Because it was brought in by somebody other than him, but he supported it. Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, what do you interpret it from that. Was he in favor of it...the amendment you originally offered.

SENATOR DECAMP: It is my understanding that he realized from his testimony and from other conversations with him that this \$50,000 thing is like an absolute necessity and that he felt that the interest rate would provide more money to the state of Nebraska between at 10 rather than 9 because paper that the girl will pass out here will just give you an example. All our money, or a great portion of our money is going out of the state into Colorado, and into Arizona and into California particularly to buy 9 1/8 and 9% and 9/38, 3/4 stuff, and this money then doesn't go into the housing market and the construction market in the state of Nebraska. So that's why he felt 10 was a more realistic factor would keep money here. But I don't believe the bill can pass with the 10.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Who appoints the State Banking Director?

SENATOR DECAMP: The Governor, Sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Would you presume, or do you know that he embraced what Mr. Ley was trying to accomplish.

SENATOR DECAMP: It is my understanding, that at this time having been informed completely of all the facts, he does embrace the move from 9 to 10, but I am stating that on hearsay from who I consider extremely reliable people. But it is hearsay. To me.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I want the record to show that the intent of this administration, of the Banking Director was to raise the usary rate of interest in this state. Period. Now there is one other question I want to say. Senator DeCamp there is no way in the world in which a man can negotiate on loans above \$50,000 because he has no place to negotiate. He is not in the position to negotiate. He wants money and he is willing to pay anything that he's charged in order to get it. Now the people that want this bill basically, are the Building and Loans. The Building and Loans. They are the ones who want this bill. The banks only to a secondary position. My bank at Scottsbluff National Bank, indicated to me they had no interest. They though they ought to leave it alone. And I would agree with them. But Building and Loans, are the ones who want this. And brother they are going to raise the rate as fast as they can on the variable rate of interest to as far as they can, to within the limitations of what Senator DeCamp is trying to obtain.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Just a minute, Senator DeCamp, was he asking you a question.