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DeCamp the question.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, will you respond please?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, Mr. President.

SENATOR KEYES: Wait a minute until I pose the full question for you which is a little more broad.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay.

SENATOR KEYES: That was kind of a false statement. Senator DeCamp, can a holding company in any other state operating in any other state buy banks in Nebraska after this law becomes effective and will this law, LB 69, will it make it possible for holding companies to be able to come from Nebraska and go into Michigan or some other state and buy banks?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, Senator Keyes, you brought up an awful good point and I kind of fault myself for maybe not bringing this out earlier. You may remember some of the past multi-bank legislation would have allowed exactly what you are talking about and, of course, when Mr. Harris and my good friend, Bill Brandt, criticized the legislation at those times, I think they had a legitimate criticism. In other words, multibank might allow some bank holding company wherever to come marching in and start buying stuff up and so, so, Senator Keyes, this legislation specifically prohibits that. In other words, we are talking about Nebraskans, the only ones that can do that then are our Nebraska banks or somebody that is already here and has their bank here. Now I might just bring up another matter and why even you opponents of multibank should be giving some pretty serious consideration to this. You read your financial news, you know what is going on, you have to know then that on the federal level there are moves, and you know this as well or better than I do, moves that are apparently going to go through that would relax restrictions on regional and national expansion of banks and we could easily, Nebraska, because of our situation, and we are only one of five states in this position, we could be one of the ones that would be a target for exactly what you are concerned about, large out of state financial organizations because of this state's huge agriculture industry and the need for money and especially now when our local banks, our little bank out there is loaned up seventy, eighty percent, the feds step in and they say, why, shoot, you had