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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I am not going to take up any time either. I think everybody is moving in one direction. Could I ask the Clerk what happened to the Burrows amendment?

CLERK: It was withdrawn, Senator.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay. I support the committee amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, Senator DeCamp, do you want to move the committee amendments?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I move adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor say aye, all those opposed... Senator Schmit, did you want to talk on them?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I do, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, go ahead.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have handed out, ladies and gentlemen, a chart which demonstrates what is happening under the committee amendments. Senator DeCamp has an explanation which is in written form. I have drawn it out in a chart form which I think points out very clearly that under the committee amendments we have really no usury, and this is substantially what I spoke in support of last week. The only difference is that we moved the borrower from the traditional lending institution to the industrial loan and investment companies who have no limit upon...at least they go up to nineteen percent under the proposed amendments, which is a substantial increase in the sixteen percent which banks and savings and loans can handle. I think we are taking a step here which may work in the long range to the detriment of the people who need credit the most. I recognize that it is very unpopular politically to speak about taking the usury limit off. I know that it will be used against those of us who have supported it politically, but for all practical purposes, ladies and gentlemen, there is no longer any usury limit on the lending business in the State of Nebraska. It just simply boils down to a situation where you have to shop around for credit and those places where the usury limit of sixteen percent can be exceeded. I am going to support the committee

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