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vacuum as though nothing else exists. This is kind of surrealistic. It is like the watches that Dolly used to point and paint and they would be hanging over the edge of the table, part on top and part bent over the side. There is a certain unrealness as I listen to the entire discussion of these usury rates. The Legislature is not really functioning as a deliberative body. It is functioning as a rubber stamp to an industry which has dictated what it is going to have. The industry is Lola. The industry has told the Legislature whatever Lola wants, Lola gets and I know this to be a fact. When I first came down here almost ten years ago, almost a decade ago, I was somewhat naive in terms of what the Legislature ought to do because of the amount of power the Legislature had to do good. I wasn't really fully aware at that time despite the things I read in the newspaper, the cynicism I had encountered from people who knew about politics and politicians, I still wasn't aware of how much and how easily the Legislature could be run over roughshod. When the money interests begin to play, then the watch cat is run away but not every watch cat. Not every watch cat is converted into a mouse. We have a situation where every conceivable method of gouging the consumer has been brought together in one bill and I don't think the financial interests thought they would get this much out of the Legislature. They had tacked on some things as frills, those items that they would give up but they haven't had to give up anything. They are chortling and chuckling with glee. The Legislature did not perceive as much as they thought the Legislature would perceive. As a result they are running away and when I say "they" now I mean the financial interests with far more than they hoped ever to wrest from this Legislature. Because there is so much discussion of compromising which means that two warring sides give up a bit here, give up a bit there, neither side gets all it wants but each side gets some of what it wanted, they ask for far more than they expect to give so when they give it up nothing has been taken out of their hide but they have gotten everything. I thought it was something when the dish ran away with the spoon in the little nursery rhyme but the dish, the spoon, the cow, the moon and everything is gone under this bill. It would be wise I think for the legislators to consider some of the comments they have made today, to even read the daily newspaper about what is happening with reference to the economy and determine whether the consumer is really a legitimate interest and concern for this body. I have one more point to try to emphasize and underline and I am going to do it after I make this point. I do listen to television and I heard this morning that the suppliers of home heating oil are very distressed because there are large conversions by consumers over to natural gas because it is so much cheaper and now suddenly the heating oil people are going