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of this act is to protect the health, safety, morals and general welfare of all the people of this state, is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination. I have a lot of difficulty with the word "morals" being in there. I don't really believe that providing more agricultural related loans to agriculture is going to improve the morals of the State of Nebraska. As a matter of fact, it might be just the opposite. I will tell you, quite frankly, one of the reasons that I am held down as much as I am is because I don't have enough money to spend, you know, the high cost of sin nowadays and so forth. So I think the word "morals" should be taken out of that section because I don't believe that that is part of our legislative responsibility to indicate that more agricultural loans will improve the morals of this state. I ask the body's adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, Mr. President, as one of the co-sponsors of the bill, I certainly accept the amendment. I wouldn't want to have morals be the standard of whether I got a loan or not and I am sure others wouldn't either, so I support taking that particular word out of the bill. We don't want to get too carried away with what we are doing in our legislation here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, this worries me too. I think if any farmer gets one of these loans he is not going to have time to be immoral. He's going to have a hard time paying it off.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Vickers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Vickers' amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendment is adopted. The motion is to advance the bill. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 15 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced.