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SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Briefly all I see on the explanation of this sheet, and I haven't had a chance to review this bill, is "Eliminate maximum interest rate". What is the maximum right now?

SENATOR DeCAMP: You are talking about the bill or the amendment?

SENATOR HIGGINS: The bill.

SENATOR DeCAMP: It would depend on what type of loan and what area we are in. There are a whole raft of different rates and I will give you a list of them if you want. I can hand it...I think I have got one on my desk.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Are we talking about interest rates now for banks or savings and loan companies or finance companies, small loan companies, everybody in the loan industry?

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, no. Remember we pared the bill down considerably. Senator Landis and some others had some concerns about the breadth of the bill. So then as a compromise, if you would, we agreed that we would treat small loan companies in a separate bill. We have, I think, 702 up there for that. We agreed that we would deal with such things as open-end credit, consumer credit, revolving credit, all other things, credit cards, in separate legislation. That is done in the bill called 385. For all practical purposes this is narrowed to...I am not giving you everything but I am giving pretty close...let's say savings and loan and banking institutions. Okay, mortgage institutions. The bill takes authority from the federal government which has eliminated rates for all practical purposes already on it, brings it under state control for the future, and then sets the rate as no rate or whatever they negotiate. Do you kind of follow?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, yes, it will be a negotiable thing like it has been for the last three or four years since we took the 12% (interruption).

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, essentially what it already is but we are taking state control in, too.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you want to close on your amendment? The motion is to adopt the DeCamp amendment. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no.

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