

SENATOR DECAMP: Oh, six months ago I knew. I'd rather not...I'd rather get the exact figure. Is it 17.3? 17.3 is what he says.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, so it's...

SENATOR DECAMP: That's what he says. I don't know. I'd have to check it myself.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: So right now we have about 17, we think maybe \$17 billion in total deposits in our state today of financial institutions, and 9 percent of that figure would mean then that no bank, no multibank holding company in Nebraska today could have institutions the total deposits of which would exceed about, oh I suppose \$1.5 billion. Senator DeCamp's amendment, or the committee amendment would take that ceiling from \$1.5 billion up to approximately \$2.5 billion it looks like. So that would be the total amount that would be available. How many...one of the other questions I have, Senator DeCamp, if you know, if you do know, to what extent is FirstTier at the current 9 percent limitation?

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, I am told they are almost there. I think it would be foolish for me to give that exact figure until I got an exact figure. I'll get it in the next five or seven minutes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: All right, thank you then.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, the 14 percent amendment would bring it to about 2.3 to 2.4. I point out Commercial Federal is already over, I think, \$2 billion themselves. Of course, Commercial Federal isn't under this limitation like the banking system is.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Howard Lamb. Senator Beutler, while we are waiting for Senator Lamb to return, do you want to continue on with your questioning?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp, if I may a few more questions. Okay, it wasn't too long ago that we increased this total deposit limitation from a lower limitation. Is that not correct? Didn't we increase that a few years ago?