

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, my answer to that, very quickly, would be I live in Nebraska, I'm concerned first about Nebraska. If you are worried about New York, I think you should live there and represent them. Nebraska is where we have our banking system. Let's get that straightened out first, then we will try to take care of your New York, or California, or whatever your big concern is on those places.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson is next, then Senator Higgins. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, am trying to sift through this the best that I can and to do the best that I can for the state. I have the same questions in my mind as Senator Lamb. I wonder exactly what this is doing for the outstate banks, the outstate communities and so on. I am also particularly concerned about interstate banking. I know Senator DeCamp has mentioned Initiative 300. Actually I see a very close parallel here. We can't have outstate banking and we must protect our banking instate and that I appreciate and I realize that. But I wonder when we talk about protectionism and so on, I think that the same thing applies. We'll hear this same debate on the floor on Initiative 300. We'll hear Senator DeCamp's very words, I'm concerned about people and I'm concerned about in Nebraska. That is the same thing that I am concerned about on this debate today, exactly how far should we go. I think the very same thing will apply on this banking bill that when the debate comes up on Initiative 300 the very same things will apply there. We have to consider our communities and our outstate banks and we also have to consider for the good of all the people of Nebraska. In my mind I can't say exactly which way on the bill is good. I know that we have to have the ability to purchase and maybe save some of the small banks. But again I do have concern, why can't we have outstate corporations, the same thing that it's fine for outstate corporations to purchase our farm ground, and we can't because they don't support our communities. It is the very same thing. Thanks.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to ask Senator DeCamp a question, if he is here.