

trying to do is say, if we all do it together, we can do something. The State of Nebraska as an island being out there passing some silly law arbitrarily setting the usury rate well below market rates is just folly. That is probably true if we are just an island. But if all the states, as Senator DeCamp pointed out, all the states in this country did in fact do this, we could do something because we are a world power and it would be an international situation as we all know. But if we all did it, we could do something. Now what Senator Schmit is trying to do, my belief, is to send a signal. With my amendment by pushing this thing back one year and a half, giving other legislatures contiguous to the State of Nebraska, the six states around us, a chance to see us on record, see what we are going to do come January 1, 1987, if they do the same thing, we give them a chance to do the same thing. We have a chance then not to be just an island but to make our voice heard, to go ahead and offer ourselves up as a state that is willing to take the chance and do this, we have got a chance to gather some comrades and maybe this thing could in fact grow, not unlike the agricultural movement in Washington coming up this weekend, so I offer this amendment, not for just merely a chance to speak on the issue. I was going to support Senator Schmit through General File, somewhat like Senator Lamb saying, I don't think we can really pass this bill in seriousness, but with this amendment on there I think we can because we're giving ourselves a year and a half, we're giving the rest of the states around us and for that matter the nation a chance to see what we are willing to do. We've got a chance to come back and change this. We've got a chance to see how the other states react and we can actually make a permanent statement that we actually are going to pass a law and not render ourselves strictly as a sacrificial lamb, strictly as an island, but give the states around us and indeed the nation as a whole a chance to rally with us. So I offer this amendment very seriously. I hope that you will support it. What I am saying is, January 1, 1987, that's a little over a year and a half away, gives us a chance for other states, the six states around us to pass similar legislation so we are no longer just a singular island and if we all do it, it goes in effect. If the other states around us do not do it, we aren't left out there as a sacrificial lamb, the only state in the nation that has all of their capital assets going all over the world. I urge the adoption of the amendment.