

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator DeCamp, in the interest of accuracy the second "WHEREAS" says, "notwithstanding the \$100,000 limitation, the FDIC has, regularly...", what do you mean by the word "regularly"? And then it goes on to say that they have covered amounts in excess of the \$100,000 guarantee.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, I will explain that. The FDIC despite...if you will read what they have, they have we insure up to 100,000. That is the absolute minimum amount. However, in bank failures, take Franklin, the big Franklin Bank in New York, they always paid off depositors completely. So, for example, if the Shah of Iran had 10 million deposited, they didn't limit him to the 100,000, they paid off. The first time they attempted to change that policy, the first time they attempted to change that, as I recall, was the Penn Central failure in Oklahoma.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, all I want to know is what you mean by "regularly". (Interruption)...examples.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, because I am going to show you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you are taking my time.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, Penn Central then they said, well, we are not going to pay off more than 100,000, but then when Continental of Illinois came right behind it they said, well, now if we don't establish our policy again of paying off completely, people won't leave their deposits in the bank, so every failure since then they don't care what the amount is, they just pay it completely off, if it is 150,000, it is 150 million. Do you follow what I am saying?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you saying every failure since...

SENATOR DECAMP: The Penn Central or Continental.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Continental, they have paid regardless of the size of the bank?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes.