

less than its assessed value for property tax purposes for the Banking Department to determine whether to take possession of a bank. I would urge the adoption of this...advancement of this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, a couple of questions, if I may, of Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: Is Senator DeCamp on deck?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Your committee.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp, is this bill going to have the effect of making it easier or more difficult for the Director of Banking to take possession of institutions in trouble?

SENATOR DECAMP: I am going to say probably more difficult, at the same time I am not sure that the word "difficult" or "easy" is the appropriate word. It is going to establish that when he looks at that picture he is going to take into consideration what the real value of some of the property the bank may have come into possession of is rather than simply saying, well, this loan has been written off. He has got to look at the total picture a little more closely and I think the Banking Director supports that because it removes maybe some of the handcuffs that force them to take action when they would prefer to do otherwise and could look at the total picture. This gives them a better look at the total picture, I think.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So you...okay, you seem to be saying that it is probably going to make it somewhat more difficult for him to take possession of them. Let me ask you this. In the recent real estate market we have had property depreciating anywhere from 30 to 50 percent in a matter of a couple years. Isn't that true?

SENATOR DECAMP: I think that is true, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and the assessment value hasn't generally followed that dramatically. Wouldn't that be