

SENATOR HABERMAN: But we don't have an Attorney General's Opinion on that?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, we have it on the classification and it says it's a reasonable classification.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So this pertains just to the Commonwealth issue, no other banks?

SENATOR DECAMP: The net effect is to pertain strictly to Commonwealth. As I say, as a practical matter, for classification purposes you have to draft it in such a way that it speaks of everything but the various pieces then narrow it down. Let me use an example. If we want to classify cities we can say, this law applies only to cities of the metropolitan class located in the State of Nebraska. Now you and I know that that means only Omaha because Omaha is the only city of a metropolitan class, but we don't say Omaha because that would be illegal, unconstitutional. Instead we have a classification and we say cities of the metropolitan class because theoretically Neligh might grow to be a city of the metropolitan class some day, although I am doubting it.

SENATOR HABERMAN: In other words, the objections of Ogallala and Kearney and all the rest of these communities, they're not affected so those objections go away.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, and may we have order (gavel) in the Chamber, please. Lower your conversational level so the speaker may be heard. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I wish to oppose the bill. The committee amendments are neither here nor there to me I guess and I just want to set out for you first of all what I think is the basic principle involved and how you decide this basic philosophic question I guess really determines it all in the end. And I think that the question you have to ask yourself is, how are the people of the City of Lincoln to blame for this affair? Because usually when we end up effectively penalizing people