

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'd ask a question of Senator DeCamp, please. I assume he is nearby.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp just stepped out here. Oh, here he comes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: But the question is this, Senator DeCamp. Most of us don't think like attorneys or like the Constitution is and I'm sure you'd have a ready answer. The question is this. We're talking about the City of Lincoln residents being stuck and many of the people outside the Lancaster County were depositors and are suffering a loss and would be helped if this bill along with some other stuff would pass. The question is this, three people in my district will be benefitted by this, but will not be penalized because they don't live in this county. Would that pass constitutional suspect?

SENATOR DECAMP: Senator, I have no question that...no doubt in my mind that the way I've got the amendment proposed it would be constitutional. You have no system where everybody is benefitted or punished, if you want to use that word exactly, and I don't claim there is any blame. It's not that matter. It's a matter of getting it settled and maximizing the benefit and you might look at it as a matching grant. You know, the hurricane or the tornado or whatever in return for particular funds, the area where you're getting most of the benefit maybe contributes 10 or 20 or 25 percent. I'm just trying to say forget the blame issue and start looking at reasonable solutions and I think this is one reasonable option to maximize the benefit to the Commonwealth people and...

SPEAKER NICHOL: But my question is, you don't think that would be constitutional...?

SENATOR DECAMP: No.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, thank you. Senator Beutler, do you agree with Senator DeCamp on that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry, Senator Nichol, I didn't hear your question.