

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator DeCamp, this is a very important issue in my area. You say that this agreement, if they decide to use this system, this could solve the problem between elevators and banks, right now, as far as the double jeopardy question is concerned?

SENATOR DECAMP: That is correct.

SENATOR SMITH: You also say...I have not seen this amendment. You know I suppose I should have read the Journal before, but I haven't seen it until now. I really would like to have you spend a little more time on the contents of the amendment, if you would. I would like to yield my time to you to do that, if you'd do that.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, I'll do that, try,...

SENATOR SMITH: All right, thank you, thank you.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...despite the cheap shot from my good friend, Senator Lamb. The idea of a two-party check was first proposed by Senator Remmers, as I acknowledged, I'm going to guess three years ago. At that time the elevators, the farm equipment people, the financial institutions, nobody accepted it. Additionally, it did not contain, it did not contain the system for signing statements, criminal penalties, and most important it did not contain the bottom half of this whole proposal which Senator Remmers mentioned. As the years have passed, the issue has become hotter. As you well know, if you were running for election, the top four or five issues among the agricultural people, this was always number one or number two. It slipped from number one to number two momentarily in the last elections because of Initiative 300. But, otherwise, this has been the one that they battle over. This is the one that half a dozen bills are introduced on every year. It was my thought that the sides should be forced together to come up with something. We were able to accomplish that over the last couple of years, just gradually making a little progress here and there. I think some developments at the federal level, some controversies developing as the farm economy has collapsed have accelerated it. What it amounts to is a new system that is neither fish nor fowl with respect to what both