

adopted. Senator DeCamp, you can carry on.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am going to explain this amendment and for your benefit it is printed on page...is it printed?

CLERK: It is in your bill book. It is Request 1233.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, it is in the bill book, Request 1233. I am going to explain them now. Understand, these elements are actually involved in the 147 or 247, I forget what it is, page bill that you had before you, but what we are doing with these amendments is synthesizing the 8 or 9 most important things that we feel need to be done into a page or two. And here they are, number one, you may remember the newspaper flap over and the controversy and question over I think it was Roger Beverage or somebody from the Banking Department having loans at a state bank when he became Banking Director. The law as it exists is a little vague and quite confused on just what employees of that department, which, of course, Mr. Beverage would be, where they can or cannot have borrowings. What this would do then is make it abundantly clear what is allowed and what is not allowed, and what is not allowed under this amendment is for the department employees or the director to borrow from state chartered financial institutions. In the summary, that is what it amounts to. What would be allowed is for them, just like you or me, to borrow from nationally chartered institutions. So that is what the first thing would be. The second thing deals with some discoveries that were made when the committee and the Banking Department were looking into an institution called State Securities. A host of transactions occurred in which the holding company, the holding company, was used, and I am not going into the details on the transactions because I have my own personal feelings that are very strong in this matter, but the essence of it is the transactions could not effectively be known or even regulated by the Banking Department because there was no statutory authority to regulate "the holding company" as opposed to the institution itself. This would clarify, at least to the degree humanly possible and legally possible, that the State Banking Department in its regulatory authority does have statutory authority to some degree to regulate financial institution holding companies. Had this...had this authority been in effect, and I guess there are those of us who contend that maybe it was or