

dividend and perhaps the dividends could be instead given in the form of greater salaries to banking directors which is very common with mutual insurance companies whose presidents earn well into the millions of dollars a year because they don't pay dividends? I mean, is this not a possibility also?

SENATOR DECAMP: Absolutely, any thing is possible. However, then you are dealing with the IRS and whether the compensation was reasonably received. You are dealing with the Banking Department as to whether the services merited such payment, all of these things. So I think you can point to historical times when there were some abuses here and I am sure that there will be abuses from this aspect or from this standpoint in the future. As a practical matter, I am not sure that any law we pass is going to completely foreclose that possibility that it is more benefit if they can pay dividends. What we are trying to prevent is paying dividends improperly when there really wasn't the profit to pay them, and milking an institution, so to speak, and that is what we feel has occurred. We are going to stop the possibility, we hope, of milking institutions and, thereby, destroying the depositors asset base which they have to rely on.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins's time has expired. You may be recognized again later.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers. May we have order in the Chamber please and attention to the speakers. (Gavel.)

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, first of all, Mr. President, I would hope that because you are being very lenient on a Monday morning, this is not an indication of what is going to happen later on under our rules. I think people are supposed to push their button again (interruption)...

PRESIDENT: That is true. In this case, there were a limited number of speakers ahead of me and I thought the continuity of the subject lended itself to this exception.

SENATOR VICKERS: I appreciate that. I just simply point out that if it happens again at least one member of the body