

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, sir.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, secondly, and more importantly to me, the new amendment contains language which will allow a financial institution to hold real estate pursuant to a judgment, a decree, satisfaction of the deed of trust, or a mortgage foreclosure, or lieu of foreclosure, that is right, that kind of real estate can be held, can then be used by that banking institution under any or financial institution under any terms and conditions that the department allows. In no way are you suggesting that the financial institutions violate the terms of Initiative 300, is that correct?

SENATOR DECAMP: Absolutely not despite the fact that I think Initiative 300 is the single dumbest thing we ever did. I am not intending or attempting in any way to alter compliance with that horrible piece of constitutional legislation.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, the reason I make that point, Senator DeCamp, is because Initiative 300 specifically says that, number one, any agricultural or ranchland acquired by virtue of a collection of a debt shall be disposed of by the acquiring institution within five years. It doesn't provide any special exception for the time may be extended by the department...by the Director of the Department of Banking and Finance. So I assume in the first instance you would expect all farm and ranchland to be disposed of within five years in compliance with the constitutional amendment, is that correct?

SENATOR DECAMP: That is correct and I would go one step further. I believe that issue will be litigated prior to the five years being up anyway and I believe that that portion of Initiative 300 will fall but this does not in any way attempt to go around or pierce or violate Initiative 300, but that specific thing on five years I contend will be knocked out by the courts eventually.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Secondly, the Initiative 300 does provide that the land itself, the land itself if it is to be held by the bank can only be leased to a family farm or ranch corporation. It does not provide that it can be leased to another corporation nor does it provide that it can be managed or run directly by the bank itself. I assume