

from the special report of the investigation of public officials, insolvency of Commonwealth Savings Company. This is by Mr. Amen. "Now as I said earlier, we could have gone to Mr. S. E. Copple, revoked his Executive Officer's license and started criminal prosecutions as early as maybe 1981, but that would have been tantamount to our taking it over and saying we are taking control of this institution and the house of cards would have fallen in." I submit to you this issue should not be decided on the basis of a technicality in the rules. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to take this time?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Mr. President. I know it is impossible but I would ask you for a moment to divorce yourself from the Commonwealth question and all that misery and sorrow and deal strictly with the ruling because it has serious implications for the future for everyone of us here. I think Senator Warner knows that and I think some of the Appropriations Committee members and some of the old-timers here certainly know that. Let me try to explain that. Following the rules, I am absolutely convinced, satisfied the Lieutenant Governor ruled correct, no ifs, ands or buts, because if he didn't, then you had better plan on having 25 votes for amendments to amendments on just about every bill up here because it affects something one way or another and how we handle that is something called an A bill and that is the process talked about, A bills, or more correctly even true appropriations bills. The rule, if you go back and check, was made for the appropriations bills that come out of the Appropriations Committee. They are called appropriations bills. This would require an A bill if we advance it today or if we adopt it, or whatever. But if you start taking the philosophy because of this very hard case and hard situation, I will be honest with you, I am not sure whether I want to win or lose. I happen to know and believe I am completely right and I believe that the Lieutenant Governor is right and whether the amendment is adopted is...you know, as I said, I don't know whether I want to win or lose. I think I happen to be right, but being right and what you want to happen are almost two different things every once in a while. But just read page 32 of your rules, you know, Section F on what an appropriation bill and what an A bill is, and then go over to page 36 and look on Rule 6, Section (h), you know, any motion to amend an