

the public is going to think of us if, twice in a row on the same issue, we don't manage to come up with a constitutional law? It seems to me it is a matter of who you believe, the Revenue Committee or the bankers committee. For myself I choose the Revenue Committee. I don't know that there is any basis in fact for any of you to do anything different. This Revenue Committee has been excellent. To me the issue is right here in this picture that I passed out to you. It shows the Sower on top of a bank building. It is an illusion. It is an illusion, or is it? Should the symbol of state be on top of the Capitol Building, or should the symbol of the state be on top of a bank building? Basically I think that is the issue. Today being a rainy day, and this being about banks, reminded me of a poem that I just read not too long ago by Ted Kooser. I wanted to read it to you. It's kind of a nice poem even if you don't like what it has to say about banks and the reality of the world. "Rain has beaded the panes of my office windows, and in each little lens the bank at the corner hangs upside down. What wonderful music this rain must have made in the night, 1,000 banks turned over, the change crashing out of the drawers and bouncing upstairs to the roof. The soft percussion of ferns dropping out of their pots. The ball point pens popping out of their sockets in a fluffy snow of deposit slips. Now, all day long, as the sun dries the glass I hear the soft piano of banks writing themselves, the underpaid tellers counting their nickels and dimes. And here we go, today the banks, on this rainy day, righting themselves." Shouldn't let them do it. Shouldn't let them do it. The laws of this state should be made in this Chamber and not in the lobby. There is no reason to disbelieve our Revenue Committee. I hope you will stay with them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question I'll put to you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are discussing the DeCamp amendment to LB 717. The motion has been made to cease debate. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.