

North, the Emancipation Proclamation offered to let those southern states that had slavery, dropped out of the Civil War and joined the Union again to keep slavery, but anyway my point is that he is right. What we see in history or what we see as a particular motive for a particular thing may indeed not be the reality. Today, of course, the Emancipation Proclamation is viewed as the great thing to free the slaves. At the time of the Civil War it was simply a war device to attempt to divide the South and gain some additional soldiers. The real issue Lincoln made from beginning to end was preservation of the Union and, of course, the issue of slavery was one of the things dividing the Union. The real issue in this legislation is not Martin Luther King. I never pretended it was. I told you from the beginning what my real issue, my real motives and I think what the motives of the bankers were. The real motives have nothing to do with whether Martin Luther King day should or should not be a holiday, whether Martin Luther King was or was not a great man. The issue is simply from an economic standpoint whether in conjunction with state law and federal law you should have the flexibility for banks to remain open or closed on this particular day and only by passing legislation can you clear that question up and remove potential liability and guarantee that result. I also made it very clear and I make no secret of it, I think we have too many holidays. I think we have gone on a holiday binge the last ten or fifteen years, particularly in Nebraska, and I support completely, or at least I think I will, Senator Hefner's and other's attempts to clear up the question and maybe reduce the number of holidays. At this particular point, the only purpose I have in the legislation is to clear up the issue of potential liability on one particular day as a result of federal action on Martin Luther King day.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. You are voting on the DeCamp amendment to LB 825. Please record your vote on the DeCamp amendment to LB 825. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator DeCamp's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. The Chair would like to say that we apologize for not remembering the recommendation by Senator Higgins to introduce former