

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to Senator Scofield's amendment and, to be frank, I'm opposed to the study. The whole thing is a stalling tactic. I'm going to say again briefly what I said the other day because it recapitulates what the lobbyists on this matter said in the paper. Those who favor the repeal of Initiative 300 are the bankers, the corporations and you can say the financial community collectively. They stated for all of us to read and the public to read that they did not have their strategy organized when the matter came before the Legislature in the form of LR 16 which was to repeal 300. So they had to find a way to get more time to do so. Senator Conway obliged them by the offering of what has been called a compromise. Senator DeCamp, keeping faith with the hands that feed, indicated that the compromise that Senator Conway was offering probably would not be enough for those who wanted the repeal of Initiative 300. Nevertheless, because time is needed, support Senator Conway's talk of a compromise. The main goal was to get LR 16 revived, hoping that before the session is over that will pass and Initiative 300 will be repealed. I believed and I believe now that this whole talk of a study is a charade. It's a hoax and a shell game being run on the public. The Legislature is doing the work of a powerful special interest group. And we all know that senators are running for various offices now, they need these campaign funds. These farmers who are in a depressed, destitute condition have no money to offer. But you read daily where this senator or that senator is trotting the lobbyists before them. They are holding fund raisers for the senators and the ones that have the most money are the ones who are going to get what the Legislature has to offer. "Senator Radcliffe", the 50th member of the Legislature, stated that the senators that support his clients are the ones that his clients are going to support. So, whatever you say about "Senator Radcliffe" or Senator DeCamp, they at least tell you, frankly, that you are being led down the primrose path, you are the bull with the ring in your nose and the lobbyist has his finger in the ring and is guiding you. They tell you that. So when they work their will nobody should be critical of these individuals. They are doing what their job is to do. But my job is different from theirs. Mine is not to represent the bankers or the lobbyists and I don't have my hand out for money from anybody. I'm looking at how this Legislature is always