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SENATOR CARSTEN: Debate is ceased. Senator DeCamp, you may close on your motion.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Mr. President, I'll sure apologize for generating so much controversy, but Senator Landis is right and I'd like to deal with the particular bill in question. We went to every party that was involved and that took a lot of them, all the banks, all the financial institutions, fertilizer interests, everybody that is involved in the farm economy. We got them to work out a compromise. I mean that everybody was willing to live with. Okay? So we've done that. Legislatively on the floor we thought we'd gone to everybody that has an interest. We get the amendments on, tried to explain in detail that it is a significant bill and it's all agreed upon and then Senator Vickers, and I don't criticize him, but I do say, listen to what he said. He said, basically, I am mad at the whole system so I'm going to block it. Well, that's fine, but you see if you take that attitude then you block everything that can happen on consent calendar. You block the whole concept of making adjustments. He has his reasons, he has his motives, I don't fault him, I just say that then you repudiate the ability to work any compromise or get anything put together in here. Senator Carson Rogers ought to be treated, I think, and have his shot at just having a vote up or down on his bill. Good God, enough work went into it and, yeah, maybe I screwed it up because I might have talked too long, explaining the amendments and telling you just what had been put together. I apologize and in trying to undo "my sin", I'm saying, okay, let's give him his vote. Every other person on every other bill got their shot today, I think. And in the previous week, I mean it isn't as if everybody didn't get pretty fair and decent treatment. And what's that old story about David and Bathsheba or whatever her name was, you know, he took the other guy's one little lamb when he had so many, and I want to make sure that Carson's one little lamb kind of gets a little fair shot here and that's all I am doing. So I'd ask you to suspend the rules and give him a vote up or down on his bill, and it is a significant bill and a lot of work went into it and I agree with everything Senator Landis says, but we all know in a hundred or two hundred bills we process, there's got to be an exception, a little fluke here that needs to be corrected. I think this is one of those little exceptions. I'd ask you to give him a shot at it.