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DeCamp a question. We have Packers Bank which is I think owned by a number of other banks.

SENATOR DECAMP: Correct.

SENATOR LAMB: Evidently there is legislation which permits that to happen. I'd like a bit of explanation as to how this bank differs from that, and how Packers Bank can be in existence without this legislation.

SENATOR DECAMP: Good question. Packers Bank does, in fact, exist today, and is in, if you were going to use a phrase, is much the same thing. There is a big difference. The difference is Packers Bank is actually in the regular commercial banking business, that is I, as a citizen, can go in and have a deposit there, have a checking account, it's the same as any other bank. The bankers bank, that would be allowed under this provision, would not be allowed to engage in the banking business in competition with any existing bank. It would simply be a mechanism between banks themselves. By the way, you might be interested in knowing, at the federal level they specifically have implemented legislation to allow national banks to do this identical thing on the national level, and so on. However, Senator Warner has raised questions, Senator Nichol. I would just ask that we pass over the bill today, if that is acceptable. If you have doubts about it, check it out, contact some individuals, study it as thoroughly as you want. And then if you choose to vote to kill it then, fine. But I think you'll find it is legislation that is appropriate. And I would say that if your concerns are "another NDIGC", remember that the NDIGC was itself created. I think, in 1976 under legislation that was similar or more strict than 27 other states. Other states are also experiencing problems with the same situation. I suppose if you want to draw corollaries then you can pick any area of legislation and say well, gosh, it is this same thing over. But check this out thoroughly, do what you want, and I'd ask to pass over the bill today.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp has requested that the bill be passed over for today. Is there objection? If not, so ordered. That completes our matters up for Final Reading today. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign engrossed LB 277, 277A, 907, 1036, 1036A, and 1038, and LB 1047. Next item, Mr. Chairman (sic), is a resolution.