

so that it is done legitimately and without legal imperfection. With that, Mr. President, I introduce the bill on behalf of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? Amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to amend LB 1. Senator DeCamp's amendment is on page 51 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. May I call your attention to the fact that we do not have the usual facility of communications between you and the desk up here. So if you wish to speak, let it be known by some visible sign or call up to the desk, 353 is for calls to the desk. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, members, I think in order to deal with the amendment I have to deal with some things I normally would never do on the floor, and that is get into a discussion of some personal discussions and talks between me and the Governor. As I say, normally I would consider this matters between he and I, and what we said privately or agreed to shouldn't be brought to the floor. But since this matter developed I have publicly been accused, in probably the strongest words the Governor has ever used that I know of, by the Governor and the Lincoln media of "blackmailing, blackmailing and insulting, unforgivably, the Commonwealth depositors." So I'll tell you what occurred in those discussions and why I cannot back down on behalf of the other citizens of this state because they are the ones, in my opinion, being blackmailed. So let me quickly do the history. Last week I was at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. I received notice that I was to call the Governor immediately. I called the Governor. He told me about the problem. I pointed out to him that if he would check the legislative record I had pretty well warned the problem was coming then, and I pointed out that I was all for getting the Commonwealth matter settled with these two understandings, number one, we clear up any legal technicalities; and, number two, that we use my settlement language originally proposed on this floor in LB 713 so that Commonwealth was settled one way or another forever, that it wasn't kept there as a constant thing to harass the state, to go on forever, that it be settled. I specifically agreed