

Pirsch, Senator Landis. Senator Paul Hartnett, would you record your presence, please. We're looking for Senator Schmit. Senator Beutler, would you press your green button, please. Thank you. All right, Senators Hoagland and Chambers are the only two excused. Senator Schmit has not returned. Is he here? Senator Schmit is excused until he arrives. So I guess we are all here, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this is a bill dealing with banking. Yes, raise the call. Then they'll all run, but what the heck.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: The call, I think it is a dangerous precedent to set the entire debate of a bill under call. If it is, I've got bills throughout the entire session I want to have everybody sitting in their seats for too.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay. Mr. President, the only reason we did the call, Senator Landis, Senator Nichol suggested it just so we could find out how many are here. I think it was a good idea. Okay. About half the body has been in here over the years for the rather well known traditional battles on the banking bills. In those battles I've shoved hard and given the arguments, and as you all know tried to explain why something was needed, why I believed it was needed and in most of those bills I had a strong personal interest in terms of wanting to see the bill passed just like we would any of them, just like you would your bills. In this particular bill I've got a little different attitude. This is your bill, not my bill. This is your issue, not my issue. I think you are going to have to do some things about our banking system and our financial system, and all this bill is intended to do is be the structure to kind of do it. Am I crying wolf? No pun intended. No. Just think back a little. About three years ago I stood on this floor and pretty repeatedly warned you that we were going to have some problems, and I begged you, and you accommodated us eventually on the failing bank bill. I remember the day we put that into place, like hours before they really started hitting, I think within the first 24 hours it was used 6 times. You all know we've talked about it, the farm economy, the whole picture here where we are going through a