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offered a good amendment, which I don't think is good, but for a different reason, here is Senator DeCamp supposedly concerned about the consumer saying, don't take this amendment. Here's what the loan companies did, they asked for more than they knew they could ever get. Senator DeCamp obviously was told to stand here and object to the amendment so that the game will look real. You know how they work. You know who's lobbying the bill. They show contempt for the intelligence of the people in this body, and when all Senator DeCamp can do when I speak is to say that I name call, but not deal with the issues, it indicates how shallow he is, and it shows what little regard he has for your intelligence. All he has to do is throw up a smokescreen and not deal with the issues that I raised by saying that I name call. Well if you want to buy that, think of how he tricked you on the abortion bills, and the other matters by saying Senator Chambers name calls. That's silly. It is ridiculous, and it is childish, but the bill we're dealing with here this morning is still very serious, and it is a reprehensible piece of legislation. Senator DeCamp sat down there talking as though the amendments proposed have been adopted. Has he done his work so well, and the lobbyist lined this bill up so much and greased the skids to the extent where he can say before all the amendments have been voted on that they are adopted and the bill is in proper shape? I can't presume that. Why even though he's told...the news media tell us that he's the most powerful person down here. They have to create copy too. So I don't blame them for that. But unless Senator DeCamp can take the mike when I sit down and assure me that all these amendments are adopted...

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that the plan has been worked to that extent, that deals have been made and obligations created that can ensure that, then I'm going to speak in the same way that I'm speaking. And I would advise you to consider not only the amendments that are proposed, but the tactics utilized by those pushing the bill, and getting you to vote one way or the other on this. Senator DeCamp wants this amendment. He knows that it's more reasonable than the bill as it stands now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He knows that I think it is totally unreasonable, but in the tradition of...I started to say Cassius Clay, of Henry Clay, Senator DeCamp is playing his role very well and he is playing this morning. He's not angry at anything I say. He knows me too well to be angry at anything I say, and I know him too well to take him seriously.