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PRESIDENT: Motion to raise the Call. Is there any objection? So ordered. The Call is raised. We will proceed then. The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose the Burrows amendment. I don't believe that we need a sunset clause in this. I feel that the competition in our financial institutions is great enough that it will kind of take care of itself. If we come back here in two years and feel that there are abuses and that interest rates have dropped, why then we can introduce a law and take care of that. I guess I would like to ask Senator Burrows a question if he will yield. Senator Burrows, what are the other states surrounding Nebraska offering...(interruption)?

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows, will you respond?

SENATOR BURROWS: I do not know presently what they are doing during this session of their legislatures. I have not followed that. Maybe the committee chairman could tell you that.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, is Senator DeCamp in the room? What are the other states doing in this respect on interest rates?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I will get you... We have a breakdown somewhere, the committee counsel has, of every single state, the various rates. Without having it in front of me I couldn't give you a particular state. It depends upon the amounts involved somewhere up to \$25,000. Some have corporate devices to avoid interest rates. Some even have systems of no interest rates which...and they just let the supply and demand and the market dictate it.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator DeCamp. I still oppose the Burrows' amendment and hope that it is voted down.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, really if you want to be a real good politician and tell your people that you are really in favor of them, why don't you set it at 9%? You know, really get down there where it is logical. I can't believe that anyone would pay 10% for a home but they are doing it and the only reason they are doing it is because that is where the money is. I have got a savings