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to make profit?

SENATOR POWERS: Senator Chambers, I did not say that they operate at a loss overall. I said that the accounting for the credit operation is a loss, and it shouldn't have to be a loss. I imagine, the way you are talking you don't believe in credit and I imagine you are a cash buyer. I assume you are a cash buyer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am a seldom buyer.

SENATOR POWERS: And as a cash buyer, Senator Chambers, you will be forced into a position where you will have to pay more for your merchandise to help subsidize the retailers' credit operation, because they are going to have to put that cost into the cost of their merchandise into their mark-up. Do you want to pay more money for a tee shirt just to afford me the opportunity to buy on credit? I don't think you want to do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, thank you, Senator Powers. Now I would like to ask Senator DeCamp a question because my time is running. Senator DeCamp, is it your impression or overall feeling that the retailers are losing money, or making less profit now, say than they did last year? Is that why you want to raise the interest rates?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I don't think it is that simple.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why do you want to raise them... in about thirty seconds because that may be about all I have left.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Thirty seconds. I believe credit will not be provided if a retailer is losing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Or if it becomes an excessive cost. I believe the new rates are necessary to make this credit available.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Senator DeCamp has removed the veil.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Simon amendment to the Koch amendment. Senator Simon. Senator DeCamp, your light was on. Senator Simon is closing on his amendment. Okay, Senator Simon.

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