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give the Governor a maximum of ten days to respond to the legislative resolution and I don't feel that that is too many days because days go so quickly that I would ask that you make it ten instead of five days. I ask for your adoption of this resolution.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I think that if that will make Rex happy, ten days is fine. I don't think it makes that big a difference. What it is is the Legislature would pass a resolution saying now we think there is an emergency. We wish you would take action. Please respond? If it is an emergency, I have got to feel the Chief Executive is going to use judgment and respond maybe in one day or whatever, so if you need ten days and that makes Rex happy, fine.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Haberman amendment. Anyone else wishing to speak? All in favor of that amendment vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 1 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment as amended. Senator Johnson, do you have a question? Okay.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Before voting on this amendment, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to ask a few questions of Senator DeCamp regarding some of the aspects of the amendment, particularly I want to call the body's attention to Section 16 on page 20 of the amendment. Section 16 defines who is a customer of a electric utility that can take advantage of loans from electric utilities and the definition of "customer" is "A customer shall mean the owner or renter of any residential, agricultural or commercial building in the state for which there was purchased from a utility electricity to be used for either space heating or cooling or the heating of water for domestic purposes." Now my question to you is this, Senator DeCamp, when I looked at that section I asked myself whether I would be able to go to Omaha Public Power District, our local electric utility, and obtain a loan and, of course, I cannot because though I have a residential property the electricity that I use is not for space heating nor for the cooling or the heating of water for domestic purposes. I have electric lights. I have an electric stove and that is it but I do not have an air conditioner nor do I have an electric