

work of an interim committee that dealt with the subject of bankruptcy. As you may know the new federal bankruptcy law went into effect October 1, 1979 and it dramatically changes the laws on bankruptcy across the United States. In the very last minutes of this new law, or when it was being proposed, there was a proposal that states should have the right or the possibility of opting out, amending, changing certain areas of bankruptcy law should they choose. Nebraska, as we told you, had their interim study and it was pretty much the conclusion of the committee that the new law was detrimental to creditors and would really in the long run be detrimental to borrowers and the general public because it would, so the argument went, create a condition where many people who might have credit extended to them would be denied credit because there was too great a chance, because of the new bankruptcy laws, that the bank would be in a jeopardized position or the lending institution would. We, therefore, in the committee, wrote a new set of exemptions and that is what you have before you. I am having the people pass this out now. In view of the fact that you have had repeated discussion on this individually, privately over the past six months I don't think that I need to go into the law in great detail other than to say the Nebraska Banking Committee has adopted a certain form, we have also closed a major loophole in our laws that rich people could particularly take advantage of and I say rich people because only quite wealthy people could take advantage of this insurance loophole. We think that we have adopted a new set of exemptions that adapts itself to the inflation that has occurred, the last couple of years, but it does considerably tighten things up in the federal law. So if the Pages have passed this out you should have this information now. I would first move that the bill be returned for this specific amendment and then we can discuss the amendment itself if indeed it is returned. But so you are not deceived or confused I am gutting the bill. I think that this is an important enough issue to do it. I have received the permission of the sponsor to use this particular bill for it.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to raise a point of order. The amendment is not germane to the bill. The bill deals with Section 16 according to the precedents that have been set in this body. Nothing in this bill has to do with Section 16, nothing in the amendment so far as I see has to do with Section 16.

PRESIDENT: I think that you are probably correct that the charge could be made that it is not germane and I think, Senator DeCamp, you might. . . .