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two, to allow them to buy mobile home paper.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, my next one, how long does it extend the payment period to? What would be the maximum for mobile homes under this bill?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Say the question again so I can know exactly what you are asking.

SENATOR FOWLER: Under this bill, if you got a personal loan for a mobile home, what would be the maximum length of time allowed under law for a repayment of that loan?

SENATOR DeCAMP: It would be over the 145 then, mobile homes specifically.

SENATOR FOWLER: So there is no maximum in the law.

SENATOR DeCAMP: None in the law.

SENATOR FOWLER: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have to admit that I have sat silent this morning being somewhat torn on this bill. I suppose it may have come up more quickly than I had anticipated and wasn't able to get my thoughts together as to how I personally wanted to vote or wanted to respond to this piece of legislation. Maybe all of us are like that, I don't know. I believe at this time it would be my inclination and intention to oppose the legislation and the reason I would oppose it is this. You and I in this state and in this nation are buffeted by some tremendous economic winds and one of the real economic winds that is affecting us are the policies of the Federal Reserve Board to attempt to control inflation through raising constantly the rediscount rate, and as the cost of money goes up for the banks and other lending institutions, then so, too, do our interest rates in general go up. As our interest rates in general go up, then so, too, does the pressure come from lending institutions for us to increase usury ceilings and for us to make changes in lending policies and in lending programs to fit what are considered to be current economic circumstances. Now to the extent that we continue to make credit available particularly on the personal loan side, particularly on the personal loan side, we continue in effect to fuel the inflationary fires. It is in my opinion only when