

federal law. Now some of the questions that I have had asked of me in the last couple days and objections raised goes something like this.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Hey, they sent those cards out by the tons. They gave them away and now they are saying they are losing money, tough. They are not sending them out that way any more. It is a very selective process. You don't get one unless you ask for it. As I say, these are the committee amendments. I urge their adoption and we will develop the rest of it a little later.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking to the committee amendments of LB 150. Senator Kremer, do you wish to speak on the committee amendments? Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, yes, I would like to speak to the committee amendment, then also ask Senator DeCamp a question relative to the bill as it will be amended at that time. So my answer would be yes, committee amendment. Senator DeCamp, may I lead off by asking a couple of questions?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR KREMER: I understand now the committee amendments provide reduction of the fee down to \$24, is that right? That is the fee.

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is correct.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator DeCamp....

SENATOR DeCAMP: And it eliminates the transaction charge. Okay.

SENATOR KREMER: Right. You told us the banks are losing millions of dollars because of the issuance of the credit cards. In your opinion, Senator DeCamp, what is causing this loss? Is it the fact that many credit card carriers are not paying the assessment when the notice comes that they owe the credit card company? Is that our problem or is it due to operation? What is the problem?

SENATOR DeCAMP: No. Okay, it is extremely simple, Senator Kremer, and I will put it in terms that we all are very familiar with. If it costs you \$2.25 to raise a bushel of corn and the market price says you can get \$2.00 for that corn, you lose \$.25 a bushel. The banks are paying X number of dollars, let's say, 19½%, 19 3/4% for money used for credit card purposes. They then have an additional, maybe, 2 or 3% overhead, so on and so forth. So the cost of the product, the cost of the money