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does it help state chartered S & Ls more or less than it helps federally chartered S & Ls? That specifically is the question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: My specific answer is that I am not sure on that particular point.

SENATOR DWORAK: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler. I won't let you take up any more of my time then. Now this bill is a perennial bill that has been in here for the past six or seven years. In fact, they didn't even put a new blanket on this horse. They just trotted it out again and I kind of agree with Senator Beutler, there just aren't too many reasons for this bill. Specifically what we are doing is this is a very narrow special interest piece of legislation at the expense of the depositors in the savings and loans. Savings and loans now are mutual organizations. They are owned solely by the people that put their money in it, the average man on the street. Anybody in this legislative body that has an account in a savings and loan is a mutual owner. Now what we are trying to do is take that ownership away from those depositors, and if you will recall in the last account you opened in a savings and loan, they ask you to sign a proxy card because you, in fact, are the owner, and your proxy card gave somebody else the ability to make a decision for you through representation at that board meeting. Now if this bill passes and the savings and loans you happen to deposit money in then becomes a stock company, that proxy card will no longer be required because you are no longer the owner unless you decide to buy stock in that savings and loan institution. Now I don't have any argument with forming stock savings and loan. That is fine. But I do have an argument to changing the rules of those institutions that have been chartered and people do have money in those institutions now. And the proponents of this bill are going to tell you, "Well, we are going to send a notification around to them." Well, you know how effective that is. So I agree with Senator Beutler. There is no real justification or reason for this bill. There is no public benefit for this bill, and if a savings and loan organization needs to raise capital through the sale of its stock, so be it, but I think they ought to form from this day on and do that. I would support this concept. I have no argument with Senator DeCamp on a dual system may strengthen the savings and loan industry. That may, in fact, be true but then let's not change the rules of those savings and loans that are in existence today. I think you ought to look at this bill very closely. You know Senator Chambers was jumping up and down as a matter of principle on a 50¢ park entry fee. This has a lot more serious ramifications than that particular bill as far as