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SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is a major bill and it is a complicated bill and it is a heavy bill but I think it can be reduced to some very understandable terms. I am going to try and use a simple example and I think it will show how every question that Senator Dworak has raised is adequately addressed. Let's imagine that Marge Higgins lives in the town of Neligh and there is a little savings and loan there, whatever we want to call it, Antelope County Savings and Loan. Now you know what has been going on, don't you? They can't raise capital. They are in a bind. What do they do? They merge with Commercial Federal, State Federal, American Charter, the big national S & Ls. That is what is going to continue. This offers an alternative. This says, "Okay, Antelope County, you can convert into a stock savings and loan, have Bob Clark, Bernice Labeledz, Johnnie DeCamp buy stock and put in capital, put in money." How does that benefit? Well first of all it means a state chartered savings and loan that would have gone out of existence and just been a part of the big massive Commercial Federal won't go with Commercial Federal, which by the way is one of the reasons the big S & Ls were originally opposing this legislation. It also means that the local community is going to be putting money into their S & L there and keeping it local and keeping the ownership, providing for the community so it benefits the consumer. It benefits the saver in that you have a stronger savings and loan now. They have additional capital backing up the whole system. So instead of somebody having to rely only on the existing assets, now the S & L has a back up of a lot of capital, the same way as a bank does, so it makes it stronger that way. Finally, it means, as I say, that we will keep our institution there locally instead of just having it merged out of existence, lost. It offers them an alternative rather than just going with the big national S & Ls. I urge you to adopt it, and, Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we recognize Senator Beutler, underneath the South balcony, it is my privilege to present as guests of Senator and Mrs. Von Minden, Mr. & Mrs. Verlan Hingst, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oleson and families. Will you please show us where you are so we may welcome you to the Unicameral? Senator Beutler, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, as the second half of the Johnnie and Chrissie show, I would like to make just one very