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LB 376

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator DeCamp, you may close.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers said it kind of humorously but maybe he said it clearer than anybody has as to the amount of intense pressure and things that go on on this particular issue. I happen to know the incident he is talking about because they are on the other side, for the record, but anyway, I believe like I stated to you, the time has come that this issue can be settled to Senator Higgins and Senator Lamb and Senator Hefner who are as sincere as anybody on it, I am sure. It is a change. Yes, it is a change but I would submit to you to remember this little fact. Senator Clark, Senator Barrett, Senator Hefner are all this morning and during this session demanding, insisting and advocating a branching system that just a few years ago they said would destroy the entire world, would destroy the state, was the most evil thing ever. I think the bill represents an adequate balance between the branching and multibanks that will make the system of banking stronger. Somebody challenged privately here a little while ago something I said. Chicago, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, business conditions, it is a study done by them evidence after two decades of regulation multibank holding companies and it says and I will give you a copy if you want, "The weight of the evidence seems to indicate that multibank holding companies have had a slightly favorable impact upon the banking system." And then to address the consumer question that is constantly raised by Senator Nichol and others, what does this do for the consumer? Let me read this. "Multibank holding companies do seem to offer a slightly wider range of services and increase consumer and business credit. Multibank holding companies increased aggregate and..... In the area of pricing it resulted reduced interest rates and that is what we are caring about more than anything else for the consumer, reduced interest rates charged on loans and led to payment of higher interest rates on time and savings deposits." But don't get me wrong, I don't claim to be an expert on it or claim that that is the all encompassing study or anything. I just really believe that, as I say, if this bill in its present form advances to Select File that there may be some additional developments working and they may get it settled and we wouldn't have this albatross around our back next year so I urge you to advance the bill at this time.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the advance of LB 376 to E & R initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator DeCamp, do you want to...? There is only one excused.

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