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as a body or as a complete membership when the banking industry raised the bank interest to 19 percent, or on other issues that affect the Democratic Party in the City of Omaha. I am referring to Governor's overrides, or any human rights issue. We did not send any letters out. We should not be involved in the banking structure of Nebraska and I apologize for the letter as a member of the Democratic Party.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you. Senator Warner, did you.... for what purpose did you rise?

SENATOR WARNER: No, I thought better of it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I, too, would like a point of special privilege.

SENATOR CLARK: You may have it.

SENATOR HIGGINS: As a former Democratic Chairman of the largest county in this state, I, too, apologize for the letter from DiAnna Schimek in an attempt to influence your vote on LB 376. I deplore her use of my party and the abuse of her position as State Chairman of the party. But the truth behind this letter is this. It was actually dictated by a man who has chosen to run against Senator DeCamp next term. I suppose the defeat of this bill which I am in favor of defeating as you all know, and John DeCamp and I are on opposite sides on this, but I suppose the defeat of the bill would serve some purpose in a political campaign. I have many times voted for a Republican, but I have never actively or publicly supported a Republican for any office.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: I would hope that you would be brief in your remarks.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I have about three more lines if that's all right. In all fairness to John DeCamp, if he so desires, I will go to his District as a Democrat and actively campaign for his reelection. I urge all members of the body to vote their conscience on this bill, Republicans and Democrats. Even though I oppose