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PRESIDENT: Two minutes, Senator.

SENATOR DeCAMP: And if there was an issue that ever raised the leadership question, baby, this is it. A couple of years ago there was a gentleman on this floor of the Legislature read a quote and I remembered it the other day and I am going to read it to you. The man was Senator Warner and it was on the death penalty issue and he quoted a man named Thomas Burke in 1774 and it was on what you owe to your constituents, what you owe, so on and so forth, and he says, "But your representative owes you not only his industry but his judgment and he betrays instead of serving you if he sacrifices it to your opinion". If it is too hot to handle, don't run for the office. Don't come down here and say I am Senator So-and-So. I make the laws of the state. I make the judgments and the decisions. If you have got to hunker down and hide or say this is too hot to get on my desk this year, then maybe you shouldn't be in the position you are in. This involves the very future of Nebraska, the financing of the state. Now let me just finish up by giving you a couple other examples of the violent opponents, of the violent opponents.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Remember the bill you finally passed last year. Who was it opposed by..the savings and loan, to make stock savings and loan? It was opposed by all the S & Ls in the state, everyone, and if you read the front page of the World Herald and the Lincoln Star a couple of days ago, that legislation is what probably will save the State of Nebraska's S & Ls as opposed to the rest in the other states. I am submitting to you that this legislation may be the saviour for agriculture and our financial institutions for the future and that those who are so violently in opposition today because it is too hot to handle may in a year or so be down here and say, Oh-h-h, we have got to do this tomorrow but it may be too late then. I request that you advance the bill today and I request some of you who probably wouldn't vote to advance it vote to advance it because my good friend in the other corner...

PRESIDENT: Time is up.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...his leader apparently has sent a couple of people not to vote so we need some help. I beg you to do it for the interest of the state and agriculture. I urge you to advance the bill at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, did you...Senator Marsh asks for