

contiguous states and the banks in our own state or the development for the development of multibank holding companies so that there could be several major bank holding companies operating throughout Nebraska. Some of which would be Iowa based, South Dakota based, or Wyoming based, Missouri based and some of which would be Nebraska based, it seemed to me to add a strong competitive element. So it was for that reason I decided I would offer this amendment. I want you to know from the depth of my heart I am not offering this amendment to add baggage to this bill, to sand bag this bill, to block this bill, I am offering the amendment because I really think it is the right thing to do with an issue whose time really has come.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes, before we do this lets introduce some guests of Senator Dworak. Under the south balcony John and Mary Kay Peck and their daughters Mary Lou and Allison are here from Columbus. Would the Peck's kind of step forward. Welcome to your legislature. Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if you have listened over the six years that I have been sponsoring this legislation, or a form of it, you have heard me repeat and repeat one thing which I repeat again. Vote on the basis of what is in the best interest of this state for a sound financial system to provide agricultural and business and consumer financing. Now one other thing I have said and I have said it on a one on one basis to people like the heads of the Nebraska Bankers Association in all the previous years the heads of special task forces organized to fight it, powerful bankers outstate, I've said, I beg you study the issue, learn about it, understand it and then, and then do what you think is best for the state. You have heard me say it before and I repeat it again and one after the other the very leaders of the opposition, time and time again, the heads of the Nebraska Bankers who were put in the position of having to learn about it and were ordered to fight it as soon as they left their position as head of the Nebraska Bankers Association turned around and said, we need the legislation, it has to be passed, do this for the benefit of Nebraska. Carl Dickinson, Mr. McBride, Mr. Black, Jim Oliver, Roy Dinsdale, Perry Francis and on and on and on, every one who was put in the position of responsibility once they studied the issue they changed their opinion, they said, yes, we need this legislation for the benefit of Nebraska and we can't be just selfish bankers. Now you all remember one other thing, don't you. There was one man in this body for the last three years that has given me more trouble fighting it than anybody else, almost. The