

I know that everyone in this body has a great deal of empathy for Senator DeCamp. You have got to have it because you have all at sometime walked in Senator DeCamp's shoes with a bill that you have wanted in the worst of ways and you have watched that bill get sandbagged at this turn or sandbagged at that turn and you slowly die a thousand deaths. Senator DeCamp who is not even here, he is probably out dying in the lounge, is undoubtedly feeling the same way. Why he asks would Senator Johnson be such a Johnny Come Lately? Why would he come in with this amendment when I basically worked for six years to get to this point. Well I do this not because I want to sandbag Senator DeCamp's bill, but, rather because I have personally concluded that we do need to make some structural changes. I have concluded this is a fine year to make those structural changes, notwithstanding the Governor's already announced veto, because I have concluded this amendment will effect some good results. Some good results in structural changes. Because, I think this is a very proper thing to do. I also anguish a bit for Senator DeCamp. Being a fellow human being and a fellow legislator I know how it feels to watch your legislation have so much difficulty. You and I have dealt with an extraordinarily emotional issue, far more emotional than I think it really ought to have been. It is difficult to extract ourselves from the emotion. But I am going to ask you to do that, I'm going to ask you to vote reason and not emotion. The reason is simple. The amendment would tend to put a more reasonable limitation on the ultimate sides of a multibank holding company. The amendment would tend to enhance competition and would tend to support some regionalization for our major banking institutions. The amendment does not allow city banks to come in. It doesn't allow the big New York and Chicago combines to take over our banks. In fact, the amendments still has to require Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri, Wyoming, Kansas to adopt similar reciprocity language. If they don't do it, then we don't have reciprocity. But, we begin the approach here. I think it is a solid thing to do and it is a responsible thing to do. I would ask you to vote to return the bill to Select File for the purpose of this amendment to vote for the amendment and then to return the bill to Final Reading. Not to play the game of holding the bill on Select File, not to try one more time to kill the bill, but rather to vote reason, not emotion.

PRESIDENT: The motion is, the motion to return LB 626 for the specific Vard Johnson amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.