

a statement made to the Revenue Committee by Bill Brandt, General Counsel to the Nebraska Bankers Association. Bill Brandt said the Nebraska bankers were prepared to accept a tax system this year which would not collect more than \$3 million, a tax system this year which would still allow bank holding company income or losses to be offset against bank income or losses, a tax system that essentially was based on ability to pay.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: So in the end Richard Kopf fashioned a proposal which essentially met the objections of the Nebraska Bankers Association. The Revenue Committee adopted it. We have advanced 717 to the floor with the Kopf proposal in it. The Kopf proposal will not raise \$3 million. In fact, the most recent figure are \$2.5 million. Now I know that each one of you is being lobbied pretty extensively by bankers. It is my personal belief...and they are telling you that the Kopf proposal may generate 8 million or 9 million or 10 million but they are not telling you about the refunds they are still going to get. His proposal generates about 2.5 million after the refunds and those refunds are continuing on and on and on until 1988. It is after the refunds where we get the \$2.5 million. Now in the meantime the Revenue Committee will put together a respectable study committee just like we did on the ag land amendment. We will work on the issue over the summer and fall and next year, next year, this law will be fully in place without a \$3 million cap. Next year it will probably generate about 6 to 7 million dollars, and in the meantime if we find changes need to be made, in the meantime if we find ways of taxing savings and loans, we will do that. You are going to hear about a deposit tax this morning. You are going to hear about a lot of confusing different things this morning. It is my personal opinion that the financial institutions in our state are giving us lots of different signals in the hope against hope that we might not vote for anything so that they can continue to remain untaxed. You and I are paying more taxes than our banks are. With that, I offer you the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I understand we have an amendment to the committee amendment. Would you wish to take up that now, Mr. Clerk.