

will raise 6 to 8 or maybe they were 8 to 10, the other people were 6 to 8, some of the other banks. My point is it is a complete guess, and as it is ultimately going to work out, that formula because of the way it is designed, will only target effectively banks. It won't really apply across the board, and contrary to what my friend Senator Johnson said, it doesn't even apply to the biggest deposit base or one of the biggest in the state which is your mutual funds. There is one of your biggest deposit bases there is, doesn't even apply to them, and if we stick with the original bill, which I hope we don't, I would move to amend it that way. Let me tell you something else about that other system, and as I say, I don't really have to explain the system we are offering. Senator Conway is offering the amendment, too, and you know Senator Conway's background. He teaches, has taught banking, insurance as a professor for many years and he is the one working on this amendment with me and offering it. One of the net effects, and I wish you would listen to this, and you members of the cities and everybody else, public officials, please do pay attention to this one piece, the net effect of the Kopf amendment will be to raise the price of municipal bonds in the State of Nebraska probably by about one-half of 1 percent, and that is one significant increase. Why? Because when they argue that banks have loopholes, or financial institutions, whatever, insurance companies, whoever, have loopholes to avoid paying taxes, remember that one of those major things is municipal bonds and municipal bonds are what keep our little cities and counties, and they are what keep the government going. So in return for getting a lower rate of yield on their money, in return for that much lower rate of yield, they get certain tax exemptions. Now when you change that system, which this bill effectively does, the Kopf amendment that you have adopted, your net effect is going to make these municipal bonds which finance our government and which aren't going to be bought by other places, make them less attractive and for sure more expensive. So ultimately, you may get some additional dollars but they are going to be paid, they are going to be paid at a price. I would submit you would better take the system we are offering which at least a significant number of banks are willing to implement immediately which will probably raise more true dollars, hard dollars, than the system in the bill. And it applies across the board and I think it is a much better and fairer system. So I would urge you to adopt the amendment, and if you do, I will, as one individual, support as diligently as