

can see it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: It is a system I think that has not been well thought out, and when they offer figures, the figures may be with or without, with or without the reductions or deductions that are still coming. I avoid all that. I bypass the system. I leave it in place and just raise additional money. I would like to provide you additional information but maybe the simplest way is to hand out some literature on it. I believe you can pass this if you will adopt it. As I say, I know the independents and the NBA are encouraging certain individuals to vote against it. I think you are making a mistake. I think it's a good amendment, and it treats everybody equally. At least you would know what you were raising. Yes, S & Ls are going to dislike it. Why are they going to dislike it? Because they'd have to pay some tax. They'd have to pay a bunch of taxes. But remember, they got refunds too. Remember, they have deposits too. They are in the money business.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR DECAMP: The Kopf system has been designed, either accidentally or intentionally, so it almost exempts the S & Ls. Citicorp isn't included in that amendment. Mutual funds aren't included. I think you will get in trouble if you stick with the original bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I don't want to go over plowed ground a second time. I want to summarize what I think are the failings of a deposit base tax. It is that it is without recognition of the ability to pay on the part of the institution. It will have an adverse effect on small and unprofitable banks in this state, the small and unprofitable banks that are currently up to their ears in ag loans. It will also have an adverse effect on the savings and loan industry which is not making a profit at this time. It, at the same time then, takes that same rate of taxation and applies it to some very profitable institutions. I don't think that there is sufficient attention to the notion of ability to pay in the DeCamp-Conway language, for that reason I oppose it. I urge