

have to keep confidentiality. The question comes down to 51 percent of the people in Nebraska do not know that they can negotiate that 7 percent fee and on the confidentiality, well, we also had a percentage of them...the confidentiality part I am looking for...well, at any rate, I can't find the figures right now and I don't want to run out of time. What I'm merely asking you to do is instead of thinking about the special interest group that entertained all of us last night, the real estate people, and I would have to mention that the only realtors that are really opposed to this bill, according to the Banking Committee's survey that they sent out to over, or almost 400 realtors across the state...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...oh, 49 percent of the buyers did not know that the person they were dealing with did not have to keep confidential their personal remarks. The only other thing I would like to share with you is this. Fifty-seven percent of the Omaha, Omaha real estate agents were objecting to handing out this form. Less than 50 percent of the realtors in Lincoln objected to it and when you get farther west out where the farmers in the rural communities are, 34 percent had...or 66 percent of the rural area realtors said we have no objections to handing out this consumers information or consumers rights bill. That says something about the people out west, and I'm ashamed to say that when 57 percent of the Omaha realtors say they don't want the public to have all this information, it says something about them. But individual real estate agents I have talked to in Omaha have said, Marge, I don't see a thing wrong with this. It is the big boys, the big boys that don't want the public to know, but the individual real estate agents that I have talked to have said, I see no objection to that. So the question is, why are the big boys in Omaha against it and 66 percent of the people outside of Lincoln and Omaha are for it, the realtors themselves. And less than 50 percent of the Lincoln realtors said, we have no objections to handing out this form and that was the Banking Committee's study.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you. I urge the adoption of the amendment.