

rate. I'm probably still paying on some of those dollars as a matter of fact yet today. But the fact is the federal government said we're going to help you, farmers. We're going to create this mechanism to help you and then when the real people that needed help went to it they said, no, no, hell, we can't help you. It's like giving food stamps to the people who are not even hungry. Now if we're going to create a mechanism and we're going to say we're going to help farmers, then let's create a mechanism and help those people that need help, but let's not create a mechanism to help people that don't need help anyhow. If you're going to adopt the Johnson amendment, then you might as well kill the bill as far as I'm concerned. There is no need in going back out home and telling people we've got something here that will really help you, pump up their hopes, let them go to the bank to see if they can qualify for it and guess what? They won't be able to. I'd just as soon tell the folks, we didn't have the money. We were concerned about creating another Commonwealth, and I agree with Senator Vard Johnson, I'm concerned about that, too. We didn't want to create another Commonwealth so we just didn't do anything, folks. I'd rather tell them right up front. I'd rather tell them right up front. If you adopt this amendment, I've got an amendment laying up there to change the title to banking instead of agriculture because it is really the Banking Revitalization Act that we're talking about and not agriculture and we'd ought to be honest about it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, would you like to close on the first half of your motion?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. As I said in my earlier comments, I understand where Senator Vickers is coming from. We've shared the podium and the microphone several times in behalf of agriculture and I suspect that we are again trying, maybe going about it different ways, but we're both trying to help our vested interests. Under this amendment I believe we're trying to protect this authority as it is being created from assuming bad loans and I speak that way very frankly because I think that's what we're concerned about is taking on a bunch of bad debt that, of course, will force the authority to collapse. And I understand Senator Vard Johnson's concerns about the liability question and certainly the two are tied together in this amendment. I think it's important that if this amendment is adopted you'll probably see then in an indirect way, as I've said all along, this bill is not a direct or agriculture is not a direct recipient, maybe in an indirect way, a recipient of the