

25 votes.

PRESIDENT: Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Vard Johnson's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Tom Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, this amendment is to the title of the bill as I promised to do a while ago. If you'd read the title on the front page of the bill it says, "For an act relating to agriculture; to adopt the Agricultural Revitalization Authority Act." This amendment would simply make it read, "For an act relating to banking; to adopt the Bank Revitalization Authority Act," because I think that's what the issue is. I think we'd ought not to kid ourselves, we'd ought not to mislead the public, especially we'd ought not to mislead those people who are desperately searching for help. We'd ought not to let those people who think and still believe I guess that government sometimes comes to bear to help out people who need help, that the purpose of government is to provide the assistance of those folks that can't assist themselves. There are still some people out there that believe that, believe it or not. And rather than mislead them, I think we'd ought to just change the title of the bill. We'd ought to be honest about it. We'd ought to say well this bill is just for banks or for some of the rich farmers. I guess you could put rich in front of there too perhaps. But it seems to me that the entire purpose of this bill is being, is misunderstood, misinterpreted and especially with the adoption of the Rod Johnson amendment is making it very clear that we're only going to create this mechanism to help in instances where there is no help needed. Now maybe my neck of the woods is a lot different than the rest of yours, of your areas, but I cannot think of one individual in my country up and down the roads, either direction, who could qualify for any help in this bill. If you could qualify for a Class A loan with land values being one-fourth of what they were about three or four years ago, with your assets being a fourth or a third of what they were three or four years ago, if you could qualify for a Class A loan you probably aren't borrowing