

the two resolutions, the difference between the amendment that we offer to you as opposed to the resolution on page 95 is in this respect. On page 95 it says that it condemns the use of federal funds to assist the Farm Credit System unless, unless such funds shall also be used to aid in a fair and equitable manner, other nongovernmental lending institutions engaged in agriculture finance. It doesn't say that it condemns the use of federal funds, period. Senator DeCamp has been saying use of funds is going to bail out only the bondholders, but his resolution doesn't say we're not going to put funds there, period. Only that if we put funds there, we're going to put it to the independent bankers as well. That's what it says. Now remember, the banking industry, the independent banking industry, is protected by FDIC, so we're saying, if we adopt Senator DeCamp's resolution, in effect, that we're going to protect them twice. Our resolution, our amendment on page 102 says that the federal government ought to take appropriate action, including financial assistance to assure a farm, a stable Farm Credit System. Now it doesn't spell out how they should do it. The second part of it says that they should recognize they do have an obligation to the Farm Credit System, to the farmers of Nebraska and the other Midwestern states. So the difference between the two resolutions, just so that you're clear about it, is the issue of whether or not we'd ought to put another safety net under the independent banking community. Now I happen to think that the independent banking community has got enough of a safety net already with the FDIC plus the fact that they pretty well take care of themselves and we all know it. That's the only difference between the two. If you believe that we'd ought not to put any funds at all into the Farm Credit System unless you help the independent bankers also, which I don't think need any additional help, then vote against this amendment. But if you think that if there are funds to be put in, that it ought to be directed toward the Farm Credit System, then I urge you to adopt the resolution, the amendment. That's the difference. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Vickers has closed. We are voting on LR 9. All those in favor vote yes, and all those in favor (sic) vote no. Have you all voted? Has everybody voted that wishes to? One more time, has everybody voted? Mr. Clerk. Senator Vickers.