

to make absolute sense to me that we be able to do this and I don't see how the courts can turn it down because what we're saying here is that the public funds that we invest under a bill that Senator Schmit passed a number of years ago, you know, we put in at least \$500,000 in public state money into different banks across the state, trying to keep our state funds in state banks and one of the things that makes sense to me is to use that as a hammer to make sure that these interstate banking interests that come in here, try to keep that money and reinvest into their community and so the whole thing about this amendment is, is that on an ongoing basis after they send in this additional information, if they aren't keeping their word, if they don't keep the money here, if they don't reinvest in the community, then we don't put public funds in that bank, that interstate banking holding company. Now that seems like an absolute right we should have. that our state money, our state funds ought to have some strings attached to it, that the money we put into that bank hopefully stays in the state and generates economic activity and is good for Nebraska. Now I can't see where we would be able to get beaten on that point and that is exactly what we're trying to do with this amendment. Now the other cloud over there is unequal treatment and in my estimation we're not taking unequal treatment steps here because there is a greater fear about these interstate bank holding companies taking money out of the state than there is for in state banking companies, and so you can make a logical distinction about why on the interstate basis you want to make sure that your public funds that go in there stay in the State of Nebraska. Now that seems like a logical delineation and so I can't see the challenge there, but as I've said, you've had a number of states that have already taken this step. It is not an unusual step to take. It is a step that makes absolute sense for Nebraska. Now I don't know where all of you are on this or where some of the banking interests are on it. I am assuming the proponents of the bill are going to oppose this amendment and perhaps the opponents of the bill are going to oppose this amendment, I don't know. But I would hope you would look at this not so much as what they think out there, but what you think, because if you've listened to me and you've heard what I had to say, I can't see the illogic and the ineptitude of the policy. In fact, what I see is it makes absolute sense for us to take this step and the one time we have that we can do it is on this bill. This is the one chance, the golden opportunity to act on this measure and if we lose it, if we pass the bill without it, you'll never get it, you'll never get it. You've got to put it