

In this state. That is a lot of money. The Dworak-Johnson amendment says, we're not going to look at all of the deposits in the state. We are only going to look at the banking deposits in the state which would be the 9.6 billion dollars in banking deposits rather than the 15.1 billion dollars in all the deposits and we are only going to allow 8% rather than 10%. Now where does the 8% figure come from? Is it totally and absolutely off the wall? No. That is the Iowa standard. As you well know the State of Iowa several years ago passed multibank holding company legislation and the Legislature set 8% of bank deposits as its basic standard. That is not a liberal standard. In fact, as I understand it that standard when applied, for example, to Northwest Bancorporation which is a current out of state multibank holding company in this state, would permit only very small growth and when applied to the Omaha National Corporation, would permit only a very small growth but what that standard would do frankly, is it would probably cause some of the sixty chain banks in this state to alter their form of ownership and they could then become multibank holding companies. So you now have individuals who have held stock in several banks. That has made them chain banks by virtue of their controlling shares in several banks held by individuals and by partnerships. It probably would change to the corporate form of ownership and it would have multibank holding companies. Incidentally, under the current version of 376 if a multibank holding company did hold 15.6% of all the banking deposits in this state and you ended up with five multibank holding companies, under the current legislation you would then have 78% of all bank deposits held by five institutions. Now I suspect personally it would take a long time for that to come to pass. I don't think that is going to come to pass overnight. So what this amendment does is it limits branch banking to three full service banks. Each bank has got to be at least three hundred feet from the next bank because that is basically current law. It limits the total deposits held by any one multibank holding company to 8% of the banking deposits of this state and in addition it changes the definition of control of a bank from 5% ownership of the stock to 25% ownership of stock which basically conforms to the federal bank holding company rules. Those are fairly simple changes. What it does, is it puts the State of Nebraska into a multibank holding company posture. It allows a new way of holding assets in this state which is what 376 intends to do but it puts us in the posture in a much more modest way than the current legislation would do. Is this a good thing to do or is it a bad thing to do? In my opinion, because we are being called on to make a very dramatic and very significant change to the way our financial assets are held in this state, I prefer that that change be done in a moderate, in a go slow, in a conservative fashion so that we can over the next year, the next two years, the