

the NBA didn't give a darn about it. The NBA is not necessarily known as just a naturally benevolent institution. Actually, this is the kind of amendment they ought to be glad to have, gives them just a little bit of a leg up on the out-of-state institutions, which most of them have fought vigorously, as I recall when I was working on interstate. Today, for some strange reason, I neglected to go to Nebraska Banker's Association and several other institutions and get my signed permit slip that said, yes, Schmit, you or Wesely could introduce this amendment to the bill. I apologize to my good friends because apparently I goofed up. But I guess, you know, old age sets in and you aren't as agile as I used to be, and I didn't get back there in time to get permission, and so therefore I proceeded as is. Senator Wesely is known for his youthful arrogance, and so he's not getting his permit slip signed either. There ought to be some time on this floor when we exercise our own independence. Now, I know that there are those here, and Senator Warner and Senator Conway sincerely believe their point of view, that's fine. But I guess that from my standpoint this bill moved, I believe, 38 to nothing once, surprised the dickens out of most folks. Be interesting to see how the vote of this bill goes. I would suggest that if this amendment is not adopted it could well be embarrassing to this body because it would be an indication of just how many and how easy it is to jerk the trip ropes on this body. The amendment does little or nothing. It does absolutely nothing from the standpoint of impeding Nebraska banks and their ability to serve. If an out-of-state bank says, nope, we're not interested, we're not going to do that, all they do is say, we're not interested in a couple hundred thousand of Nebraska money. What does that...what impact is that going to have upon that institution's ability to do business in Nebraska? Nothing, absolutely nothing. You're not talking about the Bank of Bellwood, with a \$6 million deposit, you're talking about large banks, talking about major institutions. At some point in time, ladies and gentlemen, and I have told some of my banking friends this, you do not need to worry about having an actual facility out in outstate Nebraska, you just have a pneumatic tube and the farmer can dump his corn check in there and it will suck on into Omaha or Lincoln, and that's the way it goes. No need to worry about two-way streets, it will just go one way. When I carried bills year, after year, after year for the major financial institutions of this state I was assured and reassured that the outstate areas would not be forgotten. Ladies and gentlemen, I can tell you now, and I've said it here before, that the persons