

noncompliance rating which means they are not really meeting the community needs and not reinvesting in the community, then the state's investment officer in charge of our Capital Expansion Act money would not put in further money into that bank and would in the future not invest in that bank not supporting the communities in which it was there to serve. It's a such a minimal, modest proposal and I would hope that we would adopt it overwhelmingly today because the concept, I think, is valid. We have public funds. This Capital Expansion Act has something like \$45 million or more. It fluctuates. Today it's 45, it could be more or less. It's the state agency monies that they have and they invest, and under legislation Senator Schmit passed, it's encouraged to be invested here in Nebraska, but the idea is that that investment should then be turned around and serve the state and should serve the communities that those banks are located in. These out-of-state firms coming into Nebraska, hopefully, will do a good job and reinvest in their community, but if they aren't, what we're saying is it doesn't make sense to put public monies in a bank that doesn't care about the communities in which it's located, doesn't reinvest in that community or in our state. Why should we send money out in such a circumstance? So this proposal, I feel, is a way to get at that problem. One of the great changes we are about to embark on is the change in our bank structure and financial institutions. We're going to see far fewer of these. We're going to see more interstate crossing of lines in these institutions and, to prepare for that, I think our state needs to have this sort of provision in law. I feel very good about this proposal and again I appreciate the Bankers Association willingness to cooperate and I would ask for your support for the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Crosby.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I endorse the amendment. I think it achieves a valuable social goal. We do now authorize our banks to operate by charter upon a showing of need. There is to be, before the banking director, an indication that there are banking needs going unmet before the charting of a new institution. It's not like a corporation where you can just simply go down and at your own whim create a bank charter. You have to go out and discover that there are unmet needs with which to justify the creation of a new bank charter. And, for that reason, it seems to me this amendment is