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Oppose Broader Powers for S&Ls

Savings and loan associations should not be granted broader liability powers, such as negotiable CDs, without eliminating their "favored" position in the interest rates they may pay on passbook savings and certificates of deposit, the American Bankers Assn. contends.

ABA's objection to the negotiable CD authority proposed by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board was contained in a letter to the Board from ABA President Rex J. Morthland.

At present, all CDs issued by S&Ls must be in non-negotiable form and as such carry stiff penalties for depositors who withdraw their funds before the CD matures. A negotiable CD can be sold to a third party rather than being cashed in, thus avoiding the penalty. And rates, on CDs of the size proposed by FHLBB--those in denominations of \$100,000 or more--aren't government regulated.

Mr. Morthland noted that FHLBB Chairman Thomas R. Bomar, in announcing the proposal, had said negotiable CDs would provide a tool to attract funds for use in housing finance, particularly during tight money periods.

"To the contrary," Mr. Morthland commented, "our Association

believes that the issuance of negotiable CDs by savings and loan associations, with the proceeds invested in mortgages, could create



R. J. Morthland

serious liquidity problems for those institutions, particularly if there is a strong likelihood of disintermediation during tight money periods.

"The experience of banks indicates that large certificates of deposit have an average maturity of less and three months and are highly sensitive to competing money market rates. Banks have an asset mix which generally permits them to offer rates on negotiable CDs which compete with other short-term yields. Even if these CDs are not rolled over, banks can readily adjust to the loss of the funds through the liquidation of short-maturity assets.

"In contrast, savings and loan

associations have been given special inducements to invest primarily in long-term mortgages, and therefore, may well have difficulty finding the funds needed to redeem these interest sensitive CDs.

"To use such deposits for housing loans would be an extreme example of 'borrowing short and lending long,' a practice which could seriously impair the liquidity position of an association. The problem would be particularly acute in inflationary periods, such as the present, with interest rates rising rapiidly and disintermediation again becoming a significant factor.

"Under appropriate conditions, the proposal by the Board would merit serious consideration. We believe that before savings and loan associations can adequately handle large negotiable CDs, they would require a broader range of asset powers.

"However, the granting of additional powers to these institutions should have certain preconditions in equalizing the burdens of competition. For instance, we would take exception to granting savings and loan associations broader liability powers, such as negotiable CDs, without the elimination of their favored position in the interest rates they may pay on passbook savings and certificates of deposit less than \$100,000.

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IOWA NEWS

The second series of Group Meetings of the Iowa Bankers Association begins this week. Dates and places follow: May 20 - Group 5, Club 64 and Lakeshore Country Club, Council Bluffs; May 21 - Group 12, Vern & Coila's, West Okoboji; May 22 - Group 2, Starlite Village, Fort Dodge, and May 23 - Group 3, Surf Convention and Civic Center. Clear Lake.

DES MOINES: The Iowa Department of Banking, in conjunction with the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, is sponsoring a Bank Executives EDP Conference at the Ramada Inn--Downtown here June 26-28. The conference will be presented by representatives of CSBS and the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. which has developed the materials and a nationwide staff of instructors for the program.

DYERSVILLE: Marlyn Kuper has joined the Fidelity Bank and Trust as vice president and agricultural loan officer. He formerly was in the banking business in Plankinton, S.D.

FORT DODGE: Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently for the new building planned by Union Trust and Savings Bank.

HAWARDEN: Del Halseth has joined the Farmers State Bank as vice president. He was formerly with the United National Bank in Vermillion, S.D., as vice president and assistant manager.

JEFFERSON: The Greene County Bankers elected officers at a meeting at the Redwood Inn here. Officers include president--Larry Bergemann, assistant vice president, Jefferson State Bank, and secretary-treasurer--Marlene Radebaugh, Ribbey Savings Bank.

MARSHALLTOWN: The following officers have been elected at the Fidelity Savings Bank: chairman, Neil T. Chadderdon; vice chairman, William H. Brenton; president, Tom R. Smith; senior vice president and trust officer, Orville W. Thurston; vice presidents, Charles W. Nichols, Robert F. Scott and Roger Schmidt; vice president and cashier, J. W. Ludley; assistant vice presidents, Janet A. Daters (also assistant trust officer), Lorraine Nylor (also

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office manager), Dale L. Ites and Roger Perry; controller, Thelma Kelly; assistant cashiers, Sarah Hesmer, Jane Lewis and Karen Freese.

MISSOURI VALLEY: Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new First National Bank were held recently.

MUSCATINE: Bob Lothringer will join the First National Bank of Muscatine as executive vice president on August 1, succeeding Harold Lemkau who will retire. Mr. Lothringer formerly was president of the Clinton National Bank.

OTTUMWA: Donald B. Young has been elected vice president and trust officer at the Union Bank and Trust Company. He will be in charge of the trust department. A native of Rock Island, Mr. Young has served as senior trust officer at the Rock Island Bank since September of 1969.

ILLINOIS NEWS

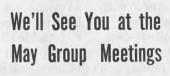
CHICAGO: Richard Linyard, president of Seaway National Bank, has been named campaign chairman of the Chicago Urban League's membership drive.

Winner, South Dakota Bank for Sale

Majority interest in Farmers State Bank, Winner, South Dakota, is being offered for sale by The Guardian State Bank & Trust Co., Alliance, Nebraska, Trustee. Approximate footings and deposits are respectively \$35 million and \$32 million. Any persons interested, contact Paul M. Hefti, President, The Guardian State Bank & Trust Co., Alliance, Nebraska, or Marvin G. Schmid, 320 Kiewit Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska.



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SCHAUMBURG: A charter has been issued for the organization of the Heritage Bank of Schaumburg at the intersection of Springingsguth and Schaumburg Roads. Total capitalization of the new bank will be \$1,350,000, consisting of \$540,000 in capital, \$540,000 in surplus and \$270,000 in reserve. Officers are John G. Ryan, chairman; Thomas L. Ryan, III president, and Donald L. Mac Neil, assistant secretary and assistant cashier, Blue Island. Directors include Floyd H. House, Northbrook; James F. Teufel and Lawrence J. Faul, Schaumburg; George M. Hilgendorf, Arlington Heights; Robert E. Kennedy, Blue Island; John Ryan, Hinsdale: Thomas Ryan, Chicago, and Francis T. Ryan, North Palm Beach.

MINNESOTA NEWS

BURNSVILLE: American Bancorporation, Inc., St. Paul, has purchased the First State Bank here.

MINNEAPOLIS: Robert A. White of Philadelphia has joined the First National Bank as an international banking officer.

ST. PAUL: American Bancorporation, Inc. has named Charles Walton as pres. and chief exec. off. He was formerly with Centran Bankshares in Cleveland.

ST. PAUL: The Summit Southview State Bank of South St. Paul has changed its name to Summit State Bank of South St. Paul.

WANDA: The Wanda State Bank has increased its capital from \$180,000 to \$360,000 by sale of new stock.

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

ABERDEEN: First National Bank of Bristol and the First National Bank here have announced that agreement in principle has been reached for merger of the two banks, subject to approval by shareholders and banking regula-

SIOUX FALLS: The National Bank of South Dakota, with the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, has declared a \$2 million capital stock dividend, increasing the bank's capital account to \$8 million. The bank's surplus account was increased to \$8 million through a \$2 million transfer from undivided profits.

COLORADO NEWS

Kenneth H. Nordling has been elected president of the Rocky Mountain chapter of the Financial Executive Institute. Mr. Nordling is executive vice president and treasurer of Colorado National Bankshares, Inc., and senior vice president and controller of the Colorado National Bank.

BRIGHTON: David Fahrbach, Richard McLean and Cy Anschutz have been promoted from assistant vice presidents to vice presidents of the First Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Anschutz is also assistant cashier and trust officer.

DENVER: University National Bank has announced the completion of a \$1.25 million remodeling and expansion program of the bank's facilities at 4201 E. Yale Ave. Chalres L. Ferguson is the bank's president.

DENVER: Arnold C. Kimmell. vice president of the First National Bank of Denver, has been elected president of the board of directors of Mountain States Bankcard Association for a one year term. The association is made up of 335 banks which sponsor Master Charge cards in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota and Wyoming.

WYOMING NEWS

GREEN RIVER: James A. (Bud) Chrisman, Jr., cashier of the First National Bank since 1952, has retired. He will remain a director.

SHERIDAN: Robert L. Mulholland has joined the First National Bank as vice president and cashier. Formerly he was vice president and cashier of the American National Bank of Chevenne. Also announced were the promotions of Robert Sheldon to assistant vice president, consumer loans, and Robert Barkley to assistant vice president, commercial loans.

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NEBRASKA NEWS

Lilly Larsen, vice president and cashier of The Sioux National Bank, Harrison, has been elected chairman of the Nebraska Group of the National Association of Bank Women. Inc. at its annual meeting.

EAGLE: After a reconsideration of a denial, the Eagle State Bank's application for Federal deposit insurance has been approved.

FREMONT: Construction has begun on the new drive-in banking facility of First State Bank. James H. Moore, Jr., is the bank's president.

OMAHA: Five appointments have been announced by the First National Bank. They are Robert Urban, second vice president in marketing, named personnel director: Richard Ericksen, operations officer, named head of all retail banking in the marketing division; Bruce Cramer, named marketing manager for the Baker Square office, Gary Witt, named head of operations at that office, and Louis Borders, appointed manager of the bank's office at Sixteenth and Farnam Streets.

OMAHA: The board of governors of the Omaha chapter of AIB has announced the following officers for the 1974-75 term: president--Jack Koberg, second vice president, The Omaha National Bank; first vice president--Ron Bielenberg, cashier, Southwest Bank; second vice president--Ed Ostransky, assistant vice president, U. S. National secretary-treasurer--John Templeton, Northwest Banco.

OSCEOLA: Gene Bartak has been appointed executive vice president of the First National Bank following the resignation of Dean C. Henricksen. Ron Christensen was named cashier and Steve Darling, assistant cashier.

OSMOND: John B. Adkins, chairman, Osmond State Bank, has announced the advancement of James C. Stratton from cashier to vice president and cashier. Mr. Stratton has been with the bank since 1962. He has attended the Ag Credit School at Iowa State University in Ames, and the Colorado School of Banking at Boulder.

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