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Proposed Senate Legislation for Financial Regulatory Reform

Commissioner Thompson has serious concerns with provisions contained in proposed federal legislation that has recently been released by the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. This legislation would create a single, monolithic federal regulatory agency bestowed with supervisory authority over the nation's banks. Despite the stated objective of creating an efficient and seamless system of financial supervision, the creation of a single federal regulator would have a disastrous impact upon our nation's banking industry and economy as a whole, Thompson said.

Such an approach would produce dramatic industry consolidation that would destroy the diversity of the industry. During the darkest days of this financial crisis, the diverse nature of the financial industry kept credit flowing and prevented a complete economic collapse. Consolidation of supervision would eliminate the necessary regulatory checks and balances that have strengthened our financial system. These checks and balances are vital to keeping our financial system accountable to the average citizen and small business, all while ensuring the future of our local and state economies.

CSBS Board of Directors Meeting



Don Pape, Bankers Advisory Board (Oklahoma), Commissioner Jeff Vogel (Wyoming), Commissioner Mick Thompson (Oklahoma), Commissioner Tim Karsky (North Dakota), Commissioner John Allison (Mississippi), and Commissioner Tom Thull (Kansas) at a recent CSBS Board of Directors Meeting and Strategic Planning Meeting

Tenth District Federal Reserve Regulatory Update

Commissioner Thompson and Regional Examiners Jeff Bagby and Paul Qualls attended the 10th District Federal Reserve Regulatory Update Conference with State Banking Officials in Kansas City, MO. The meeting was opened with remarks by Deputy Associate Director **Kevin Bertsch** of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation. He provided an overview of national initiatives related to banks and financial markets and touched briefly on regulatory restructuring.

An economic outlook of the 10th District was presented by economist **Alan Barkema**, whose outlook, to say the least, was upbeat, but not necessarily in keeping with the comments made by presenters afterward. Subsequent discussion by Federal Reserve Vice President **Jim Hunter** about pending supervisory changes to the processes involved in assigning rating on a continuing basis to troubled financial institutions was met with hearty discourse from all state supervisors, as well as a direct challenge by Commissioner Thompson that he would hope the Federal Reserve would not be changing the ratings of any bank that had been assigned by his examiners.

Educational opportunities were discussed, as well, including the Rapid Response sessions to be offered in the coming weeks. These are offered to all state regulatory agencies via teleconference and usually focus on topics of concern given the regulatory crisis being played out within the country.

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- www.oba.com > Calendar
- www.cba-ok.org > Education