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I want to ask Senator Savage a question, he's the carrier of the bill.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I'll try to answer, but I'm not sure I can.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Savage, did you agree to let this amendment go on your bill, right.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I did agree to it, yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: Did you understand this at the time you agreed to let it....?

SENATOR SAVAGE: I think the facility was built after the permission was withdrawn or whatever happened to it. The facility was already built. I don't think they could tear it down anymore then... That's what they're trying to do to it now. They're trying to wreck a \$1 million facility up there after it was already built. If that's what they want to do, if that's the kind of stuff that they want to pull around here, that's fine with me.

SENATOR BARNETT: In other words, you're saying you don't quite agree with what they're trying to do.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I don't agree with Senator Murphy's explanation of it, no I do not.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well now I am thoroughly confused so I'm going to sit down and listen to debate.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, just a little note of warning. I was visiting with four or five of my colleagues last night and we're tired of running through about four or five bank fights a year and the intense lobbying that goes with them. It appears to me that Senator Murphy, with his Committee and the banking establishment with the ability to sit down in terms of negotiating out agreements, could do some more in terms of that issue rather than coming down here every time. It's about nine bankers groups. You have to have a card to separate them out, which group they're in. It gets down to the point of ... it's almost a game between them in terms of who can put the most pressure on you. I resent it.

I'd like to ask Senator Murphy two questions for my information.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes sir.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Duis, you want to talk now? Sure, I'll yield to Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: You asked for this one!

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'll give you my seven minutes.