

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, very briefly. I'm speaking in opposition to the motion to bracket for the simple reason that I satisfied myself that LB 77 in no way is a step toward branch banking. We've got a couple of bankers out in my district that watched this thing very very carefully and I checked with them because I thought that they should know what is taking place here. I asked them the question, do you in any way oppose LB 77 and in your opinion would it be a step toward branched banking? I was given the assurance by both of them that, no they recommended I support the bill and I will support the bill. I, too, am concerned about branched banking, and being involved in outstate banking, I'll do everything I can to avoid it. In this case, I don't think we're dealing with branched banking. It's merely taking a step to show those banks we've got a little problem in this area about a detached facility. They can be assured by law that they are not illegal. So because I support the bill and I think we ought to move along with it, I oppose the motion to bracket the bill. I think we ought to get on with our business.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues. I also oppose bracketing this bill. As Senator Schmit indicated, one of these detached facilities are in Columbus. I also should have stated right off the start, I do have a conflict of interest. I am on the board of that particular facility, but I also know how many people this facility serves a year and that's what we're really talking about. I'm sure the same thing is in Omaha. This people do need service and it's a service that's being provided through these detached facilities and I would suggest very strongly that the bill not be bracketed. We debated it very thoroughly last year. We passed it and I think we know the situation and we know all the facts. I would urge strongly that we not bracket the bill. I'd like, if there are no other lights, I'd like to call for the question.

PRESIDENT WHELAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills would you close debate on this?

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President. Again, those people who have spoken certainly bring out the issue that is at stake. Senator Dworak has brought out his concern about the Columbus bank. I think that if Senator Murphy were here and with his background that he has had relating to LB 77, could show some of you that we are speaking about not the state of Nebraska perhaps, not Senator Dworak's bank in Columbus, but perhaps some particular incident that has occurred in the city of Omaha. I think that you certainly would want to hear all of the argument relating to LB 77. Senator Schmit, I did make a mistake when I mentioned LB 269. I was in error. That was LB 763, that was amended on Select File, expedited across the floor and read immediately so this very issue could be debated. That was why it was held unconstitutional. I'm sorry I did say 269; I was in error. It was LB 763 that certainly have the people in the state of Nebraska concerned about our legislative process. So I would ask you to take the time next Monday when everybody is going to be here, sit down and talk about the thing so that when we vote on it so that you can satisfy your own conscience that you're not being prodded by influential either members of this body or lobbyists relating to this bill. I think that the issue is there, it