

necessary changes. I want to emphasize again that at this point the facility that will be impacted is right here in Lincoln. It will allow the merger of the Lincoln Norwest Bank with another institution of Norwest, and allow for the Lincoln institution to still have six branches within this community, if they so choose, to serve the people of this community. We all know that a few years ago it was a bitter, bitter fight to allow for a second auxiliary teller facility. How many of us today use the teller facilities almost exclusively? Many of us have not been inside the physical structure of a bank in years. We could deal almost entirely with the teller facilities, and they have become a very real convenience for us, and a cost-saver for the banks. We know that when we first discussed those it was considered to be almost sacrilegious to propose that a facility be located more than 1,800 feet from the main bank, and then we got to several miles, and then we took on other changes, all of which, I believe, have been good. Hopefully, they have provided better service, have lowered the cost of serving the community, provided for better service to the people of this state, and I think we can look for increased service in the future. It's kind of ironic that today the savings and loan industry is going through tremendous upheaval, and that institution, of course, has been a competing factor in banks. We tried to equalize some of those problems, we made some progress, we still have more to make. But I think that we know, we know that Norwest Bank has been a good corporate citizen of this state for many years. They survived the limiting legislation of the early sixties. They have come back to...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...participate actively in the improvement, and they have earned, I believe, the support of this Legislature, and they have always cooperated, will cooperate in the future, and I think that we can serve the people of the State of Nebraska better by advancing this bill today. I ask your support. And, Madam President, perhaps we should have a call of the house before we take the vote.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.