

passage of 133 will absolutely no impact upon the banks in Butler County and Saunders County and Platte County but I would suggest that if that bill did impact upon...

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PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Half a minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...that there would be far greater difference of opinion as to the worth of the bill among the rural bankers. I ask you to oppose...I oppose the bringing of the bill to the floor and ask you not to support the motion.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I would rise to support the placing of this bill on the floor. I think it is only right that we have the opportunity to debate both bills on this floor. I did have a call from Jim Oliver who chaired the Task Force in discussion of this whole matter and he told me the vote in the committee was nine to seven to favor the matter that is in LB 133 so it seems to me that it is only fair that we have the opportunity to discuss the bill on the floor.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to make one brief comment in support of the motion. You know we have been trying to do some things in this Legislature to get a full and fair debate on all different issues and we are trying the priority bill system and another thing we have been trying to do is separate issues, that is when issues are not particularly germane to one another, to separate them out and deal with them one at a time fairly and although multibank holding company and the extension of branched banking have some relationship in my mind they are really two distinct issues and what this is all about is whether we are going to consider them separately or whether we are going to try to whipsaw people into doing one thing or another based on a combination of things in a bill. So I, for myself, think it would be better practice for us to deal with them separately and if that takes raising 133 out of committee which it does, I would vote in favor of it and hope you would do so. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next speaker, the Chair takes this opportunity to introduce some friends of Senator