

session. What is the issue? It is multibank versus branching. Let me explain in simple terms so I can understand it what multibank is. I am First National sitting over here. I want to get out there where Bernice is in far out Lincoln or I want to get outstate where Senator VonMinden is. Multibank says, if I want to come out there I can't just come and put a bank there. I've got to buy Bernice's bank and she doesn't have to sell it to me and she can set whatever price she wants. If I want to get out where VonMinden is I've got to do the same. Branching--it means I just pass a bill and then I go set up a bank next to her or right down the street. It is my belief that if you pass branching without dealing with multibank, all you create is a whole bunch more banks with no buyers and you destroy banking. There has never been a state go from branching to multibank and limited branching has always been the first step in statewide branching. So I am convinced that if the bill comes out it will destroy the balance of the session in the fight over which side wins and bankers are powerful enough to do it as you know. Why did the committee go ahead and kill the bill then? After hearing the testimony it was clear that all this supposed support whereby people who were not affected or who believed they were not affected, all the outstate bankers said, fine, fine, fine. Give branching five branches, fifty branches in Omaha and Lincoln. Just don't have anything to do with us. That is why they supported this bill, not because they love branching. They hate branching like the devil hates holy water but they believe somehow by sacrificing the suburban banks who understand what is happening, that they buy a little time. I was not the vote that killed that bill quite frankly and I was surprised. Senator David Landis, Senator Wiley Remmers were the key votes that killed it. I just put a vote on after it was already dead. Now they are not even suggesting that that proposal when they bring this bill out, be the one they want to deal with. They want to gut the bill and do you know what they want to put in? They want to put in a provision we already have in the other bill. That is what they want to do. The purpose is to kill the multibank bill or avoid discussion of the issue. Now I want to say three final things and I hope they are some of the three most important things and promises, and threats, that I have ever made here. Number one, I am telling you the outstate bankers, all the ones that are calling up and saying, oh, just get that bill out on the floor, the ones that call Senator Nichol, the ones that call Wiley, the ones that call Bobby Clark. You are like the Jews marching into the ovens, dancing to the music because you think you are going somewhere else and you think you are buying time. You are being played for fools. You are buying a