

it is a dramatic reversal of earlier positions but I would suggest also as Senator DeCamp has pointed out, that it is inevitable that when the time passes, the urban legislators have more influence in this body, they are going to say, well, if this is such a good thing for Lincoln and Omaha, let's make it statewide and that branch will be plunked down next to the First National Bank in David City or the Bank of Unadilla, Bank of Brainard and that is when you are really going to have trouble out in those small rural communities because they'll not have the resources. They will not have the ability....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to withstand those kind of competitors. I just suggest for example that at this time it is awfully easy, it is awfully easy for those of us in outstate Nebraska to support 133 because it has no impact upon our banks. It has a drastic impact upon the small suburban bank and we have no constituency there but to vote to bring 133 to the floor and impose the wishes of the small rural bankers on the small suburban bankers in the attempt and hope that it will delay for a period of time the branching concept across the state is not fair. I ask you to oppose and not to support raising 133 from committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I learned a long time ago that I don't know a lot about everything and probably not very much about anything but I am certainly not a banker and I don't know their problems but since I have been in the Legislature I made a practice to contact the banking community in my district when every one of these bills comes up because I think they do know the banking business or they wouldn't still be in it. Some of them have been in there for a good long time and some of them are in the second, third and maybe even fourth generation and to survive that long in any industry you have to know what you are doing. This morning I have contacted or been contacted by a great majority of them in my district and to a person they advised me to vote to bring LB 133 to the floor so it could have a fair shake with whatever else might be up here. So I am going to vote that way and I urge those of you that may or may not have contacted your local banker, I am not particularly interested in what the lobby is doing out here in the rotunda but I am interested in what my people back home think. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.