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that are now individually owned. I guess you could call them the Safeways that every now and then come into a community and swallow up the corner Mom and Pop grocery stores. The only point is that we allow that kind of predatory, competitive, hard-nosed business in all other forms of the economy. We don't deny Safeway the right to expand. We don't deny Standard Oil the right to expand. We don't deny to Treasure City the right to expand, and yet, in fact, we have by legislation created barriers to competition and, in fact, are sought to be preserved by the Barrett amendment and sought to be struck down by the passage of the compromise amendment in the form of LB 376. LB 376 is hard-nosed. It is tough. It will mean a change in the banking climate and structure of this state, but in the end it is exactly what we have allowed to happen everywhere else, and I see no reasons why the banking industry should have some special protection.....

PRESIDENT: Ten seconds.

SENATOR LANDIS:at the hands of the Legislature when we have not given that same protectionism to other small and individually owned companies. For that reason I oppose the Barrett amendment and I will support the compromise amendment, and if that is adopted, I will support LB 376.