

private. The words haven't even been changed, the numbers of the bill have. If all of it seems very familiar at this point it should be. We've been down this road before. Last year LB 376 probably generated more words spoken and written than any other bill, at least in my memory, more speeches, more phone calls, more contacts, more letters. We spent untold hours and hours on this particular issue. We spent untold thousands and thousands of dollars on the banking structure discussion in this state. So as far as I am concerned, the battle lines have been drawn. The troops have been marshaled. The marching orders have been cut and they have been issued. I truly don't think that any more discussion on this issue is going to change any one's mind today because we have now passed the halfway point in this session. We have 25 working days left. We have other very important bills that haven't even been introduced or debated on the floor at this time. Some of these bills are going to create a great amount of discussion. Many of them are very important bills that do need our attention. And in its previous life as 376, this bill had a thorough and complete airing by the full membership of the Legislature. The bill has had its day in the sun. That was only nine or ten months ago and, Mr. President, I think in the interest of the body's time, I will not go into any of the issues. They have been thoroughly debated. I think the issues are crystal clear. With the full realization of the limited time which we have remaining in this body to do some important work, I respectfully waive the balance of my opening remarks and urge the Legislature to do likewise, to limit debate. Let's vote on the kill motion to LB 626. Let's do it here and now and get it over with,

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I'm not particularly speaking for the small banks. I don't own any stock in the small banks. I am speaking from personal conviction, my own experience in rural Nebraska. In my brief tenure in the Legislature I have been surprised again and again by the amount of legislation that comes before us that simply represents a desire on the part of those that wish to take something from someone else. Issues in which the consumer is perfectly satisfied with the status quo, issues in which the consumer has not been consulted, issues where the consumers needs are being met. In other words, special interest legislation is what we have before us. Someone sees an opportunity to exploit the consumer. You can accomplish this, Chrysler accomplished this with legislation at the expense of the consumer. The proponents of this issue speak vaguely of dire consequences down the road for the rural economy if we don't let the big boys take us under their wing. I hope no one in this body is