

type of legislation have not made one remonstrance toward the Congressional level where the action is taking place. I suggest that you review the record and find out just where you stand in regard to interstate banking and the expansion of this type of banking service at the federal level before you protest so soundly and roundly on this floor. I would like to tell you very frankly that all of the very terrible things that were supposed to happen when we first enacted some of this legislation ten, twelve years ago have not happened. As Senator Dworak pointed out, Senator Wesely pointed out, there is nothing in this bill that mandates the sale of a bank. I will tell you what it does do, it enhances the value of the small bank. It makes that small bank more important, more vital, more a part of the process in the banking system. Much of the conversation that takes place here about the supplying of credit to rural Nebraska I think is an exercise in futility. Most of the bankers in my district must overline with a bank in the cities. I think it is time we try to stop building fences around each other, whether it is for areas of agriculture, for banking, for industry, or what have you. You cannot isolate yourself, you cannot segregate yourself. You might as well recognize it. What we do here today is not going to be the final chapter. It is not going to be the last word, and if Senator Barrett is tired of hearing the discussion about banking, I would suggest he is going to hear a lot more of it the longer he remains here. He has only been here a couple of years and I will tell you this, when you say we have other more important things to talk about, I would like to ask you what is more important than the financing of agriculture, industry, business, and labor here in Nebraska? We have discussed five hundred or six hundred or a thousand bills in this Legislature, and if you do not have the facilities to loan the money to the businesses and the farmers of this State of Nebraska, there won't be any money for the Appropriations Committee to divide up. If we do not maintain an active, aggressive economy, this Legislature can shut down. It will all be over with because of the fact there will be no funds. And you can argue about (interruption) who does it the best.

PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Let me suggest to you that a combination of services works the best. We have had it working well in the past and this is another improvement in that area. We have improved some in the past and I would suggest that those of you who think the sun is going to set and never rise again if this bill becomes law are mistaken. The bill is a good bill. It will become a good law for the State of