

CLERK: Mr. President, 457 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Schmit. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13 of last year, at that time referred to Banking Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. The bill was discussed briefly on March 16 of this year, Mr. President. At that time Senator Scott Moore made a motion to indefinitely postpone. Senator Schmit, as primary introducer, agreed to lay the bill over. The motion to indefinitely postpone is now pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: I'll use my mike over here to get away from Senator Schmit's striking distance as I talk about this. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT: Good idea.

SENATOR MOORE: I guess, Mr. President and members, I filed this kill motion, oh, ten days ago when this bill came up. And I filed it for two basic reasons, the age-old arguments on the whole branch banking, it's an ongoing issue. This particular bill confines it to 3 counties out of 93, proverbial camel under the nose's tent and all that. Will I support this bill? No. As I said on this floor before, I mean, to quote LBJ, if you can't walk into the room and within five minutes know who is with you and who is against you, you got no business being in politics. And I guess I've been around enough to know that I don't have the votes for this kill motion. I also hope I've been around enough to know that Schmit doesn't have the votes to advance it. So, with that, I'll withdraw the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn. Senator Schmit, would you like to talk to us a little bit about the bill. We have an amendment that we'll take up after you explain the bill a little bit. Is that okay?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That will be fine with me, Mr. President. Mr. President and colleagues, I would like to just address a couple of comments made by Senator Scotty Moore, and appreciate his withdrawing the kill so that we can proceed to discuss the bill. I understand there is an amendment to the bill. I want to just address a couple of his comments, because I believe he made them in sincerity and they need to be addressed in that