

that's quite fair, but then in the very same conversation and almost the same sentences, I'm not quite sure whether the small town should be allowed to come into Grand Island, but I guess it's all right for Grand Island to go out to the small towns, so I have a little problem with that line of thinking. And I, too, I said, well, if I knew enough and had enough time to work on this, I think I would put an amendment in to have countywide branch banking and then that way we would not be singling out one or the other. I see the 60,000 inhabitants per county. I think not too many years down the road Hall County then would be included with this bill, so it's not necessarily just an Omaha or a Lincoln bill, so at this point I will only listen but I do support Senator Warner and I might ask Senator Warner, have I interpreted, Senator Warner...

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, will you respond?

SENATOR NELSON: ...have I interpreted this right? This would almost just allow wide open branch banking county to county and my amendment what I was considering was county to county but I guess it isn't fair to a city that is right on the edge of a county either.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: I would just comment, Senator Nelson, you still have the limit of five, I believe, in the current law, so...

SENATOR NELSON: Of course, in my area they don't have five I guess but thank you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Just to answer Senator Nelson's question, Senator Nelson. Under LB 956, we really already have statewide branching. We have statewide branching under certain conditions and Senator Landis is right, Senator Warner is right. Why should we have it under certain conditions and not under certain conditions? Why should we say you can buy a broke financial institution and make it into a bank, but you can't buy a healthy one, or you can't branch to set up a healthy one? We have statewide branching under 956 and I don't think it's all bad. I had some reservations about it, but I don't think it's bad and I think this is a much better solution really.