

and amazed, and the bill came out unanimous because of that. And I intend to vote for the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yours is the last light on. Is there anyone else wishing to discuss the bill? Senator Schmit, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I appreciate very much Senator Landis's remarks. And I didn't like to say it, because I've carried so many bills where the principal proponents or opponents were lobbyists. And, of course, they have to make a living also, and I don't object to that. But the facts are that you have living, breathing, working men and women who sometimes just like to have some service. If you're going to have a \$20 million bank pose any kind of a threat to the institutions here in the City of Lincoln, then I would suggest that's like a tomcat taking on a tiger but the facts are that an aggressive tomcat can go out and hustle and do pretty good for himself, and that's what the little bank at Martell has done. And, as Senator Landis has said, you have 80 percent of their customers live and work in this city here, and we ought to, I think, consider the convenience for those customers. I really believe that we're going to see some of the rest of those bills that Senator Landis referred to on this floor. If so, then it refers to a 25-mile jurisdiction, which would automatically allow any bank in Lincoln to go to Martell. I think those bills are going to pass, and I think they have good reason for passing. And I support them, I carry the bills, I introduced them. As I said earlier, we had a situation like this in the Highlands here a few years ago, we addressed the issue, hasn't caused any problems for the banks in Lincoln. And I suggest that this will not cause any problems, might, in fact, even enhance their activity a little bit, because they will realize it does work both ways. Those of us who live in rural areas, I think, frequently see where the larger institutions want to come out. I have a bank from Lincoln that is in David City. I have two banks from Omaha in David City. Had it not been for the action of this Legislature, those three structures would not be there. Now maybe it would be better if we still had Paul Kosch, and Bill Souba, and those gentlemen running those banks. But given the situation today and the changes in banking, it