

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The house is under call. All members return to your seats and check in. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. We're looking for Senator Pirsch, Senator Moore, Senator Rasmussen, Senator Robak, Senator Schellpeper, Senator Landis, Senator Schimek, Senator Schmit. Senator Smith, Senator Warner, please check in. Senator Withem, Senator Bernard-Stevens, the house is under call, please report to the Chamber. Senator Byars, please check in. We're looking for Senator Conway. Senator Labedz, said we could go ahead with the request for a roll call vote and we have had it asked in reverse order. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2171 of the Legislative Journal.) 10 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The amendment fails. Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend the bill. (The Schmit amendment appears on page 2172 of the Legislative Journal.) Senator I have AM1847 in front of me.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is the amendment. Mr. President and members, I offer this amendment because we recognize that are some changes that are, I believe, the type which we can ask for that would facilitate banking and improve to some extent the efficiency of the existing system and the ability of banks to merge and still maintain a decent sort of capital structure within their own area. This language would strike language in the amendment which says, such branch banks are within a radius of 25 miles of the place of business specified in the bank's charter on the effective date of this act. What this does is that it allows for six branches and it allows a bank to merge and not lose their ability to branch. In other words, if a bank in city A merged with a bank in city B, they could still retain their ability to have six branches with each of those institutions. It makes it a much more efficient system and allows for a better utilization of capital resources, manpower,