

threw you down a notepad for 50,000. But it's better than no facility at all. And we hope that, with a little education and guidance, it will one day be the kind of bank that it was when Paul Kush and Zuba and J.O. Peck and those guys were out there taking care of the institution. I haven't got quite the response, ladies and gentlemen, from the present management that I had back in the days of Moe Miller, and Herm Brockmeier, and John Woods, when we had a commitment to properly serve those institutions. But we're trying to get some education going, and hopefully it will work. I think it is important, it is absolutely mandatory that we get that kind of understanding. And in many cases we have it. In many cases we're better off than we were before. And as Senator Labeledz said, in her amend...in the arguments on her amendment,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we need better and stronger institutions in the State of Nebraska and I believe this amendment will do that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen, did you wish to address this amendment? I don't see Senator Kristensen. Senator Schmit, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I was just visiting with Senator Pirsch, who would like to keep the 25 mile radius in there, I would also. I would love to do that, Senator Pirsch. There's only one thing that stops me, and that's the lack of 25 votes. Now I blame the lobbyists for that, because they go back and tell their clients that they do it all anyway, that you and I, Senator Pirsch, have nothing to do with what happens on this floor, and they're partly true. But the facts are that I have worked the floor somewhat on this issue, and I don't have 25 votes, if I did, I would have had it in the amendment. I wasn't trying to pull a fast one, Senator Landis, by going wall to wall, from the Missouri to the Rockies, which it looked like to you. But the facts are that you do what you can get done. I was asked...I was asking the Clerk if the doctor of the day was here, because I said, by the time I go through about two more of these experiences today, I'm going to need one. I'm not going to tell you what his response was. But the facts are that...the facts are that some days you don't get all you want on this floor, that's happened to me on several occasions. And I think that this amendment today is something which we can live with. And very frankly, Senator Pirsch, I'm willing to do a count with you