

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I just listened to what Senator Landis said about the banking lobby. Now there is a particular player in this whole operation that I have an extreme amount of contempt for, and that's the First National Bank. There are people in that bank who are liars, who are treacherous, dishonest people. They took a young, former drug dealer, who may not be a former drug dealer, created a position for him in that bank that had ill-defined duties and responsibilities so that he could be projected as a candidate in our community for the city council. So these racist, white liars, at the First National Bank, took this young, former drug dealer, Paul Bryant and tried to foist him on our community, when we know no bank is going to hire somebody and give them a position of authority who is known to have dealt drugs and may still be involved in it. That kind of treachery is unconscionable, and it makes everything such people say suspect. This bank is opposed to this bill. So my vote for it is for the First National Bank. They can thank Louritzen, and whoever else is connected with that bank and making their policy. When this young fool was questioned on television about this job having been created for him, he asked the cameras to be turned off so that he could get advice from his white leaders who were controlling his campaign. When he came back on camera he had a deer in the headlights look and said that they had given him this job, they had just created it, but they gave it to him because of his tremendous marketing abilities and the business he's going to bring to the bank. Now that he was trounced in the election, I expect the First National Bank to keep him employed, if he is as great, after the election, as they said before, they ought to make him a vice president. But they know there were no duties for him to do, but they hoped he would get on the city council, then he'd be their flunky there, as he was before the election. It was not just the First National Bank, the Republican Party was directly involved. They talked about how great he is. The World-Herald, which traditionally is opposed to drug dealing, endorsed him, endorsed him over an incumbent who had given ten years of honorable, praise-worthy service. So something was going on here that needed to be dealt with, and the linchpin of the whole operation was the First National Bank. This young thug, after losing the election, said that he wished that Fred Conley, who won, would say some things to his face in an alley, which shows the level on which he operates, things like white people control his campaign, they are calling the shots. Well now Fred Conley is