

me what he thinks he's man enough to do on a number of occasions. And if, since he's been with these white people, they put more courage in him than he had at that time, I am very easy to find. I don't run from anybody. I'm just a small, little slip of a man. Look, I've got grey hair. I need eyeglasses to see well enough to read. So if he wants to whip somebody and guarantee himself a win, here I am. And, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, having given mature thought and consideration to my motion, and seeing that you'd probably rather go ahead and deal with the bill today, rather than bracketing it until tomorrow, I withdraw my motion to bracket.

SENATOR WARNER: Motion is withdrawn. Is there anything further on the desk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit, do you wish to move to advance the bill? There are...there are no other lights. Are you closing, or...

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will close, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit is closing as there are no other lights. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If there is no one else wishing to speak. If anybody wishes to speak, so indicate, I guess, otherwise I shall close. Mr. President and members, the bill as now amended is a very simple bill. We've cut it in half, and we've left that portion which has been described several times on this floor, both by myself and by Senator Landis. There have been some comments made on this floor, and I know that there are those who say, well, this may or may not be appropriate. But the facts are these, on this floor any issue, any point that any member wishes to debate or discuss is, as far as I am concerned, valid. I want to just say this, it is not easy to carry bills that deal with banking issues. I've served as a member of the Banking Committee for many, many years, and I know that the members of that committee struggle very, very diligently to bring to the floor something which is reasonable, equitable and workable. That is not easy. It is not easy when you have banks that vary in size, from the Bank of the Valley at Bellwood, to a few million dollars, which was a few years ago less than a million