

not exercised them in the town that you were leaving with the charter, not with the banking presence, if you will. And, yeah, it's an open-ended situation.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So I don't even know how many branches they have. So what you're saying then, if they only have two branches, and this goes through, they could still open the other four, is that what you're saying?

SENATOR LANDIS: Exactly.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Does anyone else wish to address this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I, of course, appreciate very much the opportunity to debate the bill again at this time. I know the hour is late, the old calendar is late, and it is a very distinct service to myself that the bill is allowed to be up again. I appreciate that, and I want to thank everyone who is involved. I think also it's important to recognize that there is a little bit of a risk involved on a Thursday afternoon when we're going to adjourn before too long, because we do not have a lot of people on the floor. So if there are some of you who are taking care of mail and that sort of thing in your offices, I hope that you will return to the floor because I'm going to need your support. I know also that there are those who would like to perhaps have some other opportunities to discuss this bill. But we have had many opportunities over the last few months. And I think that, basically, as Senator Landis has pointed out, the votes are pretty well drawn. I've not tried to twist any arms, I've not tried to change any votes. I'm one of the rural legislators who has consistently supported the improvement in bank structure. And I want to say that I think it has been good for the state. I think that in this particular instance I do not know of any other entity that wants to merge, other than Norwest. There may be some, and I'm sure there will be. But I do not believe that it's going to be anything earth-shaking in the next six or seven months. And it may well be that we will need to do something different when we meet again in 1992. And, if so, I'll be glad to work with Senator Landis, the members of the Banking Committee, the members of this body to bring about those