

the communities that we serve. I recall many years ago Marv Werve said one day the citizens of David City will be doing business with Omaha banks and at that time I assumed that we would travel to Omaha. The facts are that Omaha banks have now moved to David City and to Columbus and to many of the cities which I represent and there are those who find some fault with that, but if it had not been for banking legislation enacted by this Legislature, there would very likely not be the kind of services in those communities that we have today. And this bill will, I believe, help those banks to provide additional services to the citizens. I want to emphasize that Senator Landis has done something which was considered not to be possible a few years ago. He actually got virtually all of the bankers together in a room and almost locked the door until they did work out some of the their problems and he deserves a substantial amount of credit for that. I think it's true also that when his bill comes up for hearing before the Banking Committee that there will be, I believe, unprecedented unanimity about that bill and certainly if it becomes expedient to amend 470 later on in the session with the provisions that Senator Landis has referred to, that is agreeable to me. I concur and support Senator Landis's bill. I think it is timely and I think that it is something which we should consider and will consider this session. So at this time I would again reiterate my support for the bill and ask that it be moved.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Wehrbein and Crosby. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Is Senator Landis in the Chamber? I had a couple of questions for Senator Landis. David, just a couple of questions as we were talking earlier this morning. If, for example...in essence we're moving the bill that has failed to advance twice. We're not changing the bill. It's still in its original form and again, to put it on the record, if it would fail to advance today the bill would be dead and I think that is an important point for the body to keep in mind. My question is, we're advancing the bill based upon a potential bill that is going to have a hearing, not a potential bill, a bill that will have a hearing Tuesday. Assuming the bill comes out of committee, then it would be offered as amendments on Select File to 470. My question was, what is your position, what would your position on 470 be if the body for one reason or another or the committee for one reason or another did not