

together. And that is advanced by what has been happening this session.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Madam President, I concur with Senator Landis. I do not believe it is necessary to bracket the bill at this time. The bill ought to be moved and proceed as we usually expect this legislation to proceed. The balance of the time that is necessary for legislation to be discussed with the Banking Committee and acted on this floor is going to be the same regardless of whether the bill is on General File or Select File. I believe the bill should be on Select File and I would, therefore, have to oppose my friend, Senator Bernard-Stevens, motion to bracket and ask that the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Wehrbein, do you wish to address bracket? Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to the bracket motion maybe for some different reasons. One is I think we've forgotten that LB 470, as it was introduced last year and amended in committee and came to the floor, was, in my mind, an excellent piece of legislation. If you go back to see where we are, what is our existing language relative to branch banking you'll see that currently a bank is allowed to have five what we were then calling detached facilities and they had to be, these auxiliary offices had to be within the corporate city limits for which the home office of that bank is located. What we did last year was a step forward in terms of this expansion and we allowed one additional detached facility or one additional branch, but instead of having it within the corporate city limits, what we did was we expanded that out to a 25-mile radius. Our discussion at that time I think was to a great extent, was that in many cases the corporate city limits or even counties are not conducive boundaries for proper services of customers. In many cases we may find a bank that is in a certain part of the city or a certain part of the county when, in fact, most of their customers and the people they naturally would serve are actually in a geographic region that may cut across a municipal boundary or a county boundary. And so we made kind of a baby step. We only added one branch addition to that five list but we put it in a situation where they could be better serving the customers.