

have to realize that a one-sided result will in gender the opposition of the opposing parties. You have concluded, for example, that the Walthill...the closing of the Walthill loophole is the most important thing, and I understand that. It's a position I share, by the way. On the other hand, the Walthill loophole represents an opportunity for banks who wish to expand their operation. If the Walthill loophole is not closed and there is no other change in Nebraska law and banks want to expand the use of the Walthill mechanism, the use of the national bank privilege of going to a federal regulator makes perfect sense and is a good strategy. The closing of the Walthill loophole is a taking away of an option that national banks have. And there are national banks in this state that want to grow, and they want to expand, and they want to move beyond the limits of existing Nebraska structure. Those banks who want to do that are persuaded not to oppose the closing of the Walthill loophole, the taking away of their option of going to the federal regulator an expanding their rights, by getting state authorized expansive powers. They give up the power to go to the federal regulator and undermine state regulation system as a way of accomplishing their objectives in return for getting a chance to grow, as they wish to, in the markets that they want to service under the other provisions of the bill. So, they do wind up being related, and that's the connection.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. It would...and based on...on what I hear you saying, the translation in my terms would be...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...that in order to close the Walthill loophole problem and prevent a federal order that might allow unlimited branch banking in the state, we needed these other things to bring everyone on board and to effectively strike the deal that would bring all the, you call them the Arabs and the Israeli's. I don't...I guess that's the only term that you gave me and I don't know another one. But the warring factions, to bring them together this compromise was the only way to bring them together, that simply closing the Walthill "loophill", loophole would not have solved the problem.

SENATOR LANDIS: I believe that's accurate. What you would have is you would have a bank structure fight like the ones we've had in the past. The place would be filled with blue suits, we'd be flown around the state, we'd be subject to the same kind of