

the other day he had no objection to an organization putting on a banquet and all the senators being invited. We have 49 legislative districts. You know the old saying, take your banker to lunch today. I am very serious, up front, so you can't say that we are being bought. As long as we are doing this for the bankers, those senators that want to go to Washington, or if the Speaker, or the Executive Board Chairman, whomever, put a call into the bankers. They are the ones waiting for the federal money that you are going to go and beg for. Ask them, will you pay the way? So you go on a state plane. I rode on that state plane one time when I took a tour of all the mental institutions in Nebraska, from seven o'clock in the morning until midnight. I'm telling you I should have been paid four times just to ride on that thing. If that is the only way the senators can go, so be it. But I am very serious when I say is there any doubt in your mind that the banks don't have the money to sponsor one or two senators to go to Washington. If you go on the state plane, that is only part of the cost. From what I hear, you don't get a room in Washington for less than \$100 a night, and you're going to stay two nights. So that is \$200 per senator and you're going to send 30 of them. I am very serious, senators. I don't think that anybody can say that whatever bank picks up the tab for whatever senator, they can put it all in one pot or one pool and say this is to pay for the senators from Nebraska that want to go and fight for agriculture because, ultimately, we, the bankers, are going to get the money back. It's just a small investment we are making and getting millions of dollars paid back that the farmers of Nebraska owe the bankers. I know the bankers are going to love me for this speech, but the bankers know, even those that contributed to my political campaign, that I'll still tell it like it is. Senators, in all truthfulness, don't you think the people that are going to benefit the most should pay for it?. I mean every taxpayer across the state, I can hear the argument, yes, but this whole state depends on agriculture. Well, it ain't necessarily so. But I do think you ought to give some thought to that. I don't have any qualms about what senators want to go, except I do think the agricultural senators should go. Senator Jim Goll said, well, you know he's not involved in agriculture. I asked him, I said, Jim, when Chrysler and General Motors and all those automobile dealers were going down the drain, who went to Washington for you and who paid the expense? The automobile dealers did. So I think what I would suggest is you can send 49