

charter, within a day or two after the Elm Creek Bank was closed. Now it is this same group that fomented the opposition. Of the small banks, to LB 312. It is the same group that promoted, that same group that promoted this phoney poll that was taken which is used and quoted time after time as a indication that the small banks do not want LB 312 or anything similar to it. The independent banks, from all banks had agreed and compromised before this session started, that they would go along with a compromise bill and this attempt of compromise was destroyed and I'm sure it was destroyed primarily by the influence exerted by the group involved in the First National Bank of Omaha. Now it should be clear to all concerned, but if you are bleeding for the little small banks, you are not going to do it, by shutting off the efforts being made to extend teller facilities and then permit groups to go about, pick up bank charters as well as they become available because they have an excess of money and an excess of influence in the right places and it is no credit to anyone in State administration, executive level, to stand by and tolerate this condition which took place and which were so exemplified in the situation involving the Elm Creek Bank. Now the community had no chance, no choice, no nothing. In its selection of who was going to own and operate the bank. The community now has no choice at all. It has nothing to say and it can submit to the policy and procedures laid down by the influence of the people from Omaha. Now this is not a good situation, to state. We've got eleven or twelve similar situations controlled by the same group in eleven or twelve other communities throughout the State. This is not a healthy situation. It gives the, exposes this whole argument that this is branch banking is a fiction that it is, and it is not only a fiction, it is a jam. We ought to over ride this bill and over ride the Governor's veto and support LB 312.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers, then Senator Whitney.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I have opposed this bill from the beginning, but I am going to vote to over ride the Governor this morning. I think that it is not proper for him as the executive to make himself ad hoc 50th member of the legislature and try to make Senators knuckle under and write bills the way he chooses to have them written, after they have been passed by the legislature. If he was interested in any changes in this bill, there was a time when he could have brought in an amendment, and when he makes reference to lobbying, his tactics make me believe that lobbyists have gotten a hold of him and exerted a type of pressure which he should not have buckled under to. So I will vote to over ride the Governor's veto and I think the merits of the bill itself can be discussed by others, but the point brought out by Senator Carstens about the Elm creek bank, I think would be worthy of consideration. The time must come when the legislature will not always do what the Governor wants done because they fear a veto. We are able to over ride him with 33 votes, if we on occasion could look at what is behind some of the issues that cause a conflict between the Governor and the legislature, and select those which really devolve upon the power of the legislative as opposed to that of the executive, then I think our action would be clear. This morning, I feel that the relationship between the Governor and the legislature is more important than my personal feeling about this individual bill. So I'm going to vote for this over ride, and I feel that in doing so, I'm trying to up hold some of the preogatives of the legislature. I make jokes about him having a big whip. I wish it were only a joke, but sometimes I feel that it is not. How can one man make himself stronger than 49 men. How can one man plus 17 of us be considered stronger than 32. The Constitution makes that possible. It takes 33 a 30 votes to over ride him. So that gives him a few more of us to equal the rest of us in the figure that I gave, but the point I'm trying to make is this, I fought the bill while it was on the floor of the legislature. After it was passed with 25 votes, it met the requirements for the bill to have been passed.