

division thereof or to obligations issued under the authority of the Federal farm loan act. In transacting the business authorized by this subsection every national banking association shall be amenable to the law of the State in which it is located defining offenses and prescribing the penalties therefor.

The CHAIRMAN. Before calling on ex-Senator Flint to make a statement I am going to make the suggestion that the bankers from Westchester County, N. Y., be allowed to make their statements on certain features of this bill, as they desire to leave the city almost immediately. However, it seems that the bankers from Westchester County, N. Y., who are here and very particularly interested in that proposal which was contained in the Senate bill last year, but which is absent from both the Senate bill and the House bill this year, namely, to extend the limits of the area within which branch banking is permitted under the bill so as to include not merely the political boundaries of a municipality, but the actual boundaries of the metropolitan area, and they have just made the point, in response to my suggestion, that they should state their view, that until something has been said in favor of the inclusion of the contiguous territory there is nothing for them to answer. I think that point is well taken, and if agreeable to the other members of the subcommittee I should suggest that Mr. Marlett, or somebody from Ohio, state the point of view of those who think this bill should be amended so as to correspond with the proposal made last year. It is a narrow subject, and I think can be stated quite briefly on both sides.

**STATEMENT OF WILLIAM H. MARLATT, ATTORNEY FOR THE
CLEVELAND CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION**

Mr. MARLATT. At the last session I was here before the committee of the Senate representing the Union Trust Co. and the Guardian Trust Co., of Cleveland, Ohio. At this time I am here representing the Cleveland Clearing House Association and affiliated banks of Cleveland, Ohio, including not only the State banks but also the national banks of Cleveland, and with me, at this time, are Mr. George A. Coulton, senior vice president of the Union Trust Co., of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Edward B. Greene, vice president of the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Thomas Monks, one of the vice presidents of the Guardian Trust Co.; Mr. H. V. Shulters, chairman of the National City Bank of Cleveland; and Mr. Alfred M. Corcoran, vice president of the Central National Bank of Cleveland, all of these being sizable banks.

The Union Trust Co. has resources of about \$330,000,000 and has about 250,000 customers; the Cleveland Trust Co. has resources of \$250,000,000 with 400,000 customers; the Guardian Trust Co. has resources of \$125,000,000 and 154,000 customers—

Senator GLASS. May I ask if these various banks are members of the American Banking Association?

Mr. MARLATT. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I hope you came on a special train. I think they should have given you one with those assets behind you.

Mr. MARLATT. The reason we have five of them here and two representing national banks was for the purpose of showing that at least we live together in harmony and are not quarreling about this proposi-