

look at. After the NDIGC was formed the deposits only rose \$2.7 million. That's all they rose. So when you say that the guarantee put out by the NDIGC caused all of this, that's absolutely wrong. Now Senator Landis says the depositors are entitled to know where they stand and they won't know, they need an answer, but if you do not accept the amendment they still won't know. Do you know why? Because if you accept the bill the Supreme Court has to review it. The Attorney General must issue an opinion and we have to add the sales tax. So any of those things can trigger a no. So they still won't know where we're at, but if you don't adopt the amendment and you pass the bill that we're telling the Supreme Court and the Attorney General, hey, we're ready to pay off \$28.5 million. This is wrong. We should get those opinions first and I have written letters asking for their opinions on these issues and I have a motion to bracket until we get those answers May 15th because that's going to tell the story. Now, if you don't adopt the amendment here is what you're going to do in the bill. It gives the Governor the right through a contract to bind future legislators and legislation to this highly questionable issue and I doubt if we can do that. I doubt if that is constitutional. I think this is special interest legislation and I have another motion and I'll have a passout to prove that. It says that the excess money will be put in the general fund. What excess money? What is the bill talking about? It doesn't explain that. On page 11, line 16, do you know what we're doing? We're buying the State Office Building back again. How many times are we going to buy it and sell it and buy it and sell it? That's what I'd like to know, how many times are we going to buy and sell this building? So, therefore, I suggest that we do adopt Senator DeCamp's amendment, then push on on the other things because there are so many questions that we're going to raise in the bill itself that there is no answer because everything is projected in the future, if this happens, if this happens, and if this happens. So let's get those answers first. But if we do this, we can pass Senator DeCamp's amendment. That makes it clean. The people know where they're at as Senator Landis wants and that settles the issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Jacklyn Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, a lot of comments have been made here this morning regarding the