

claim or put a lot of money into it or put no money into it. Those taxes are going to have to be paid. They are going to have to be paid. Senator DeCamp and I tried in the worst of ways to see if we could get those taxes forgiven or deferred or delayed, it couldn't be done. They are going to have to be paid. The court system has told us that \$8.5 million represents a fair settlement for the state. Knowing that figure we should abide that figure, get this terrible nightmare behind this Legislature and resolved. Now the nightmare will not end for the Commonwealth depositors. It would not have ended at \$20 million. It will not end at \$8.5 million. Sometimes there are only so many things that senators and legislators can do and I think we are at that point. This is where it is. This is a reality, it should be accepted. I ask your approval.

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: (No response).

SENATOR LAMB: We will move on to Senator Sieck to address the Vard Johnson-DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to reject this proposal. The Commonwealth people will have to accept this if it is given, if we give the vote. They cannot come back at the state no other way, they can't go to court, they can't do anything and for \$8 million it doesn't mean nothing for the total settlement. Nothing. I think we are doing them great harm by accepting this. At least if they want to to further into court they have that right. I think we should give them that right and I don't want to take that away from them. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp, if you are under control would you care to speak?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, just to repeat a couple of things because I thought it was clear. But apparently it isn't. My good friend Senator Labeledz said, well they can still go to court. Anybody can go to court. I can sue you, you can sue me and people do it regularly with me. The point is, the Commonwealth people represented by the receiver entered into a binding settlement. They signed a