

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...to add this money back in, so be it. But I want you to know what you are committing to down the road. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senators Moore and Elmer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there is an issue that I touched on and I've got to talk about it because I have been getting a number of calls in my office about it and it's the way those Stangal brothers were handled by the FDIC. First of all, I want to say, categorically, for the record and anybody can do a report on me that they want to because of this statement, I think the FDIC did behave as criminals. I think coming in the dead of night, which is contrary to the practices that they have, was wrong. They have two individuals who are not criminals but for this incident. They are allowed no bond and the federal magistrate said they could not have a bond because they are a danger to the community. Are they a danger to the community? Their community is out trying to raise bond money for them, should a bond be set. An example is to be made of these men to put fear in the hearts of those who are less willing to try to protect that which is theirs against what they feel is improper governmental action and I do think what the FDIC did was improper. Were their actions desperate? They certainly were. But you can expect desperate people to do desperate things. There was a man in Lincoln, and I have seen reams and reams of print about him because he was a lawyer, he was prominent, he was well thought of by the people in Lincoln. So we have parallel cases, in a sense, desperate people who chose different directions to go. The man I am talking about was named Gushard. He killed his family, then he killed himself. And I was criticized strongly for saying, at a talk to some farmers, that if you are stressed to the point where you must commit suicide, don't take your family with you, do it to yourself. And that is the advice I would give to anybody who intends to do that. Just because you can't go on doesn't mean they cannot. So in the city the man killed himself after killing his family and all of the sympathy is poured after the fact. We have a situation which did not result in death or physical injury to anybody and these individuals are being treated as though what they did would bring down the republic when, in fact, what FDIC did threatens that because some of the people who are calling me want to do something to stop FDIC from doing this kind of thing and they feel there is only one way to stop them and that is not by