

people that wanted to be on or might not be the right committee, in other words, membership, who would do it? The reason I selected the people I did in the resolution was I thought those committees chairmen represented cross sections of law which would be involved, Urban Affairs, Banking because of insurance involved, so on and so forth. However, in order to accommodate everybody and make a major concession, I thought if you want to use the Standing Committee structure then use the committee that is generally involved in this area, the Public Works Committee. So that is why I have agreed to that, and with those two major concessions, I believe it will be an effective committee to accomplish the goals outlined here. Now to Senator Chambers, he has worked with me before on committees of this type and I think he would assert and acknowledge that when it comes to doing the work that needs to be done we are not timid, that the pressure can be put on and the facts ferreted out. To Senator Warner, one thing he brought up about the FBI investigating and others investigating, remember there is another fact, two separate areas that they aren't going to deal with and their real concern isn't those areas, that is recovery of lost money. Sure, you might get a fine here, whatever, but we are talking possibly hundreds of millions of dollars, and if there is a way to get it back even going...even going to rich individuals who may have been involved in a complicity in some way...then we as a state have a right to get that money back no matter how far we have to go. Remember there are insurance companies involved. Bonds are given for these jobs. Bonds are given. You can't have all this happen accidentally and so recovery of massive amounts of money has to be one of our goals. Whether it is possible or not, we don't know until we get there but that has to be one of the goals, completely distinct from everybody else involved in this investigation. A second one, their main concern is prosecuting guilty. Our other concern has to be a structure of laws that prevent this from occurring in the future with some degree of certainty that the people can rely on. So I am supporting the Lamb amendment and urging us to move ahead immediately on this.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb, did you wish to close?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think really the only way to handle it so that everybody that wants to be on the committee could get on the committee we would have a committee of 49 and I don't think that is practical. It just seemed to me the bill that we had in this regard which Senator Hoagland introduced the other day came to the Public Works Committee. I think it is a logical place to have it.