

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to give my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Nelson. If you look at what happened here, you will understand that it is the second largest collapse of a financial institution in this state. There are a lot of citizens who don't know the difference between a credit union or a savings and loan. So when they know that this one is federally insured, State Securities and Commonwealth were supposedly state insured, or that was the impression people got, they begin to develop a lack of trust in all financial institutions in this state, whether it's savings and loan, credit union, whether it's a commercial bank federally or state chartered. The Legislature, if it can, has an obligation to draw lines of demarcation between these various institutions and try to let the public know what has happened in each case and why, and if that will not happen with reference to these other institutions, make that clear. The public will need to have someplace where they can place their money in confidence. Right now, I found out, that there are a lot of credit unions that have had no problems whatsoever that are having people ask them questions that indicate a lack of confidence and trust, because if they are regulated by the same federal agency, the NCUA that regulated Franklin, how can they be sure that the same kind of activity is not happening with these other credit unions? If \$38 million can evaporate and these other credit unions don't even profess to be that big, what is to ensure the public that the same thing is not happening? I am not a capitalist. I have no capital, to begin with. I am not a lackey for banks or other financial institutions and I will criticize and attack programs and practices of theirs when I think it's justified, but I don't want to see a general broad-based distrust of all financial institutions, even where that is not justified. So that, I think, gives us another basis as a Legislature to look into this. We should consider...and this is where it gets sticky and some people may become nervous, whether or not down through the years political strings from Washington may have been pulled by some of the powerful people with whom Larry King had associations. Now some of those groups and individuals want to say they don't know who Larry King is, they never heard of him. They thought that people were talking about the Larry King who gives interviews to people on radio and cable. But as far as a