

on a moral obligation, paid that claim. Granted, it wasn't this size of dollars that we're talking about here today. It was less than 100,000, but still it meant something to those communities that they knew that the state, even though they legally maybe did not have a obligation to pay those claims, felt strongly enough about the services that those local communities provided to the state airfield that they did pay them. So that has helped, I think, to prompt my decision to support this bill. I know that when Senator McFarland was circulating the bill around at the beginning of the session he was talking with Senator Landis and I asked him if he would mind if I signed on, and he was very gracious and said he'd be happy to have me add my name and I felt it was important that I lay out to this body my decisions to support it and sign it and vote for it. And I feel...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...no compelling feeling that this is an urban versus rural issue at all. I don't think if we were judging issues on that basis that anything would get done in this body if we allowed that to happen. It's just a matter of how we personally feel about this issue and whether we feel it's right for the state to come forward and pay the money, and I guess I'm one that feels that the time has come that we should do that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey, on the advancement of the bill. Senator Morrissey. Senator Landis, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I appreciate Frank Korshoj's plain talk, don't think he's capable of dissembling and it's very easy to understand what he means when he talks. The question was, is interest negotiable and, frankly, the answer is yes. How would we do that on General File? I don't have the language to do it on Select File, could talk to you about it, get exactly the right numbers, plug them in to make sure that there was not money for interest. Is that an open subject? Yes, it is. I was touched by Senator Johnson's remarks, soft spoken as they were. I thought they carried a big message. The question that I've got for you, for many of you who have people who have gone through a difficulty like Senator Johnson talked about, a bank that has gone down, been reorganized. You know, it's kind of a truism that FDIC