

previous question mischaracterized the origin of the number. But the court did examine and approve the result.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you. I wasn't here at the time and I wanted to clear that up.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay.

SENATOR ELMER: Then in the part that you have underscored...

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry, time is expired.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry. Pleased to take a moment to introduce a very special guest under our south balcony. As guests of Senator Hefner and also Senator Rod Johnson, from Polk, Nebraska, the wife of former Lieutenant Governor and Governor Dwight Burney, Grace Burney. Please stand and be recognized. Thank you very much, Grace, we're glad to have you here. Senator Chambers, additional comments on the advancement of the bill, followed by Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, having been here 19 years and observing the course of debates and what the outcome of a vote probably will be, it seems that the consensus of the body is that this bill should be advanced and that we are going to make a payout. So, with that view in mind, I don't think there is anything else I need to say, except this one comment. We know that there was an attempt, during the time when the original bill passed, to encourage people to invest, to save, or whatever term you want to apply to people giving their money to some financial institution. Since that was adopted as a policy of the state, and there was an affirmative encouragement of people to place their money at risk, the state does have this obligation. And I know we're beginning to repeat, ad nauseam, the same types of things, so I'm not going to say any more at this point.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in favor of the advancement of LB 356. I was especially pleased when Senator Warner said that we should use the available funds that