

to me a taxpayer lawsuit would be subject and timely, up until the distribution of the money. You could hold it for that period of time and find out the results from the court. My guess is that they would uphold it. With respect to the question that you have to give a farmer who loses their business, the farmer who loses their business is not in business with the reliance that the State of Nebraska is going to guarantee them a livelihood. But we have done what we can to help with human misery, knowing that the farmers in this state have been through tough times. And those actions have included the \$50 million recognition of Amendment 4 for earnings capacity valuation; secondly, a whole system of billions of dollars for grain price support; third, Initiative 300 that was meant for that; fourth, when agriculturally oriented counties lost their railroad valuation last year, we appropriated \$8 million to assist in those rural counties. We have a federal program of credit guarantees, which are also to the tune of billions of dollars to help farmers have credits. We have passed mediation rules to allow farmers to stay on the land. Effort after effort after effort, without any guarantee, without ever our name being applied to assist people in need, whether they're farmers, or whether they're people on ADC, or whomever they may be, we do that day in, day out as our business. And the answer to the farmer is we are doing for Commonwealth depositors and these depositors the efforts to relieve human misery, just as we have in the rural sector. I'll release the last of my time to Senator Crosby, whose bill this is the priority designee for.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Landis. You said that very well. And I thank everyone this morning for this wonderful discussion. All the legislators who spoke were straightforward in their hopes and fears for the bill, and I really do appreciate that. What has come through to me I think we all accept and acknowledge, it is a statewide issue. Nebraska and its people are the ones who are involved in LB 356. Whether or not the owners drained the banks isn't the question. These depositors put the money there because they were saving for their retirement, for their college tuition for their children, whatever, maybe they just liked to have the money there, that's a legitimate reason for saving money. So I think that this is our opportunity, as I said before, to live up to Nebraska's word and bring back the faith that we all feel in our State of Nebraska. Just sitting here this morning, one of the things I did was figure up how much \$40 million would be for each one of us if we just...