

depositors. Those people are still suffering and if there is any way at all that we can do that, I want to listen a little more and try to see if I can make sense out of everything that has been said today including what Senator Warner said, and I do thank you very much for that, Jerry.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Briefly, Mr. Speaker, I would rise in support of Senator Warner's effort. I would ask him to pursue his amendment when he properly drafts it. As I've tried to amend this bill I've tried to indicate I don't think it's the piece of legislation you'd want to go back to your districts and explain that if we want to help those homeowners as Senator Crosby talked about, and I have heard the property tax thing too but that's coming from the homeowners of Lincoln and the homeowners of Omaha and Ewing and Hastings and everywhere across the state. Those people are going to see very little out of this bill as it trickles down through the formula that has been devised. And so as a result I truly feel that that the 33 million that would go to the Commonwealth depositors would be money better spent than what we're talking about here because it would solve and stop a problem that has been around a long time, one that we have to deal with eventually and we might as well deal with this year, and so I do commend Senator Warner. I would support his effort and hope that he does pursue it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I ask for your indulgence. I've been sitting here all afternoon debating with myself about whether to get up and speak on this bill and I guess Senator Warner has given me the opportunity that I needed because I can't not get up and speak on his proposal. One of the things that has worried me about this bill all the way along is that I'm worried about other responsibilities the state has. I'm worried about what the economic situation might be a year or so down the road. I'm worried about the fact that this is being sold as a property tax relief measure and I don't think that's really what it is. I'm worried about those local subdivisions out there who could stand some help from the state and I'm worried about the fact that I kept hearing on this floor today the word hopefully, hopefully, hopefully, that we will be able to sustain this, that we will be able to go forward with it. But I don't want to get carried away with debating the bill. I