

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I voted for the \$50 million reserve that Senator Warner presented last week and I will vote for the 40 million. I will oppose the bracket motion. I don't think you can put it off until next Tuesday. I think that's going to be a little too late. I am beginning to feel possessive about my depositors and I'm really pleased that they have come up on this floor again because I don't want you to forget about them. A lot of them are suffering still emotionally and physically because of the blow they received on November 1, 1983. And if you just see... I know you have seen these people because they have come to your offices and you have heard from them by letter and by telephone and many of them are elderly so please have some feeling for them. And I understand where Senator Abboud is coming from but I think he is wrong about that. The \$40 million that's being... would be reserved with this, that doesn't necessarily mean that the depositors will get the whole \$40 million. People have been working this last month after the bill got derailed to try to come to an agreement so we would have a reasonable figure and feel that the State of Nebraska has lived up to its obligation and fulfilled its word. Each one of us in this Legislature has his or her own agenda and as we come to the end of making the budget, all of these things fold in. It's like making a cake, you sift the flour, the soda, and the salt, all the dry ingredients first to make it even so the taste of the soda doesn't come through after the cake is baked, so it's leavened correctly. That's exactly how our budget works. We sift the whole thing through so it comes out as even as we can make it and I think that we have to put this money away and put it aside and do it now so it's sitting right now this next five days and it's in front of us, that we have it there and we can't spend it. My constituents tell me regularly by telephone, when I see them at events that I go to, when I'm out taking a walk, or whatever, don't spend it all, just because we have it, don't spend it. So I think a lot of us have to keep working this week to resolve the differences on some of the reimbursement bills and that kind of a thing and come to a final conclusion as to where the money should go, who are the most in need and, hopefully, keep some money aside so next year, when some of these other things come back that have been lost in the shuffle, we will have something to fall back on. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to note that Senator Schellpeper has 19 third and fourth graders from West Point visiting in the north balcony, with their teacher. Would