

because we knew it was wrong, we knew we had done badly by him, and we made a trust fund for Joe to take care of his needs. It was without legal obligation, it was because of a moral obligation. And the depositors of these institutions stand in that same relationship that Joe Soukup stood several years ago when this Legislature voted remedy and recourse. I have more time in my opening, but we have a number of co-introducers. I'd be happy to share it with any of them. I'm looking basically for an opening and a couple of speeches perhaps in opposition, if they need to be there, and a closing so we can do this by twelve o'clock. Senator Chambers, let me (inaudible) time to you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to take the full allotted time either, but I definitely want to be on record in favor of this effort. I have felt from the beginning that the people with investments in Commonwealth had been dealt with unfairly. I've supported every effort of every kind and variety that was undertaken for the purpose of bringing about justice. In a moral society, there is a perpetual effort to achieve that elusive standard of justice that we're talking about here today. It's a wonderful principle to discuss, it's an even better one to direct our conduct by. As representatives of the state, we have an obligation, I feel, to put the state in the position of the one who, when shown that it has erred, will correct that error. This may be the last opportunity we'll have, during the lifetime of some of the offended Commonwealth depositors, to make the record straight, to bring about justice, to balance those scales. And I hope that we will vote in favor of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We have an amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Goodrich would move to amend the amendment by deleting "Commonwealth". (The Goodrich amendment appears on pages 2571-72 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, please.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, going to be right up front with everybody. We have, in this particular proposal, we have a proposal here that would pay the Commonwealth people in the neighborhood of 25, 26 million