

body really voted their issue on that particular subject, or voted their mind, their conscience on that particular issue. I hope that people will vote their conscience on this issue. I don't know how you can not be supportive of the people from Commonwealth. I think that it's way past time for us to provide those people with the remuneration that they deserve. There is no way you can see that, in my estimation, in any other fashion. I would support...I would not support the amendment to the amendment, but I certainly would support the amendment. I hope that the rest of you can vote your conscience and do the same thing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, please, followed by Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I would like to second the things that Senator Wesely and Senator Schimek said, just to begin with. I am going to speak against Senator Goodrich's amendment. I thought that Senator Schimek's point about obligations and where you put your obligations and how you number them is most of the point this morning on this particular amendment. I must remind you that Commonwealth is the cornerstone of this whole question. November 1, 1983, when Commonwealth closed that started a run on the other two, but the other two stayed open. Commonwealth has still never reopened, never will. The people in Commonwealth are the ones who are really hurt and hurt badly. Most of these people are not wealthy. They are not the rich and the famous, they are ordinary, I don't like to use that word ordinary because in many ways they are extraordinary that they have survived, since 1983. And Les Christiansen, one of them had a wonderful letter to the editor the other day about a letter that he got from the city telling him they were going to measure his sidewalks. The man doesn't have any sidewalks, and he wrote a letter to the editor saying he got up and went out and looked the next morning, still doesn't have any sidewalks. Well, he's keeping his sense of humor through all this. I thought that was a tremendous tribute to him and to these other people that they can keep going. I feel that this is the time to lay this issue to rest. It's been six years since the Commonwealth closed. It's time to reimburse these depositors. Commonwealth must be kept part of it. If Commonwealth is removed with this amendment, I will not vote for the rest of it, I absolutely will not support it without Commonwealth. And I want to support it also. I beg of you, please do not adopt this amendment to the amendment, which would