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take Commonwealth out. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony of Senator Chizek. We have 30 eighth graders from Mars Junior High with their teacher. Are you folks still in the north balcony? Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Weihing, please, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, would Senator Landis rise to a question, please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll rise to a question any day, John, you bet.

SENATOR WEIHING: Yesterday I received a reply from the Attorney General with regard to the constitutionality of this if we were to vote to reimburse Commonwealth and State Securities. Did that...and that letter became known throughout the body, the report from the Attorney General, did that have any bearing on this amendment that was created and put on today?

SENATOR LANDIS: I was searching for a vehicle for this amendment prior to that. I would have done it without regard to whether the opinion had been issued. I do think the issue is timely and I'm glad that it's on the floor. I, by the way, thank you for the letter and the Attorney General's Opinion.

SENATOR WEIHING: Yes, the reason I asked for that is because I'd had conflicting answers ever since I've been within the legislative body regarding this issue. So, in order to get an opinion and one from an authority, the letter was written to the Attorney General and received it and, in his opinion, the bill is constitutional. I will not speak to this issue because there are others who have been intimately involved, and those are my remarks. I simply wanted this area clarified. There is the Attorney General Opinion on the issue. Wait a minute. I'll give the rest...some time here to...I see that Senator Landis would...

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. We have a couple of issues ahead of us, and I'm hoping for a tidy disposition of them. First, we have the Goodrich amendment, and I hope we will have a call of the question and a vote on that. Apparently, there will be a