

obviously, just simply isn't true. So don't fear about that. We pass things all the time here that are unconstitutional, and I haven't been sued yet. So that's not an issue. Senator Landis brought this amendment around. I told him and I told him I was going to say it, because I felt kind of hypocritical signing it because the money, I knew, was not there. We spent it night before last. That being the case, now I'm faced with what is my second choice, and I don't like my second choice. But my first choice or the first responsibility was that time had gone long enough without resolving the issue. So now my choice is to vote yes and to vote yes on an appropriation knowing full well that, if it's passed, it means an equal amount of vetoes. And I guess that's how it has to be. So I'm going to support it knowing that not very long ago we could have done this in a very easy way, created no problem, now it's going to be a very difficult way but just as necessary. So I'd urge you reject the amendment, recognize it for what it is, and then support Senator Landis on his motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. And the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, this amendment, just in case there is somebody in here that was not here when we first opened it up, the...my amendment would amend the Landis amendment, I'll call it that for want of a name for it. He, in essence, is going to say give 16.5 million per year, this year and next year, for a total of 33 million, to Commonwealth, American Savings and State Securities. My amendment would say strike "Commonwealth" out of it, leave just American Savings and State Securities, let them get treated the same way we treated Commonwealth, three or four years ago, whenever it was. I would also like to remind the body, though, that if we do...if we do not take Commonwealth out of it, if we give Commonwealth 25, 26 million, whatever it turns out to be, we are giving them that 25 million, roughly speaking, plus the