

that have been asked have been not of my making, but it would be painful indeed if the Legislature said that amongst all the rest of the claims that we have entertained, and amongst all the groups that we have listened to and have debated repetitively that we would not entertain the Commonwealth depositors making their claim at this moment as well. I understand that there are many of you who do not support the claim of these financial institution depositors. I expect when we get to the underlying motion we'll have a chance to make that moment clear. What I ask from you now is a favor, and that is to grant us the right to place the issue before the body by suspending the rules. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Beck, would you like to discuss the rule suspension?

SENATOR BECK: No, Mr. President. I would like to, if we do suspend the rules, I would like to speak to the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR BECK: In order to do that, do I just leave my light on and wait?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, I'll leave your light on.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Abboud, on the suspension.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President, colleagues, this has been an issue that has been around for a number of years. When it's around a number of years, we've had a number of votes on it. Most recently we had a vote on it in the form of LB 356, a bill that appropriated \$40 million to the Commonwealth, State Security and American Savings depositors. I have compassion for these individuals, but responsibility comes with this job. If it was an idealistic world, where there was unlimited resources, where there were no obligations nor responsibilities, I would say give the \$40 million to these individuals. But that is not the case. Forty million dollars is not a small item, it's a major budgetary consideration on our part. And as much as I would like to say let's look at this in a vacuum, that will not be the case. The Legislature has spoken on this issue. Unfortunately, some of the depositors have not listened. We've