

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion is adopted. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. I only want to be recognized for a point of personal privilege. I understand that was an act of charity by my colleagues and I'm grateful. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. We are back to a discussion then of the amendment itself. The rules have been suspended. Senator Beck, please.

SENATOR BECK: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I appreciate Senator Landis's position and I appreciate the analogy that Senator Schimek gave earlier. And I, too, am concerned about these elderly folks who have such sad stories about their losses, and they are not stories, they are true. I have a file that is over three and a half inches thick and it's right over there. I've read all the letters and I know you have, too. Now as a new senator without the experience of those of you who have been in the body and gone through the Commonwealth problems and so forth, and I've watched this thing from afar, I believe that what we have here and have had here is another pharmacy building, and in that those who are really responsible are probably beyond the statute of limitations.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: Yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me. The Chair will allow the call to be raised with another admonition to stay close. This will be a vote which will involve every one of us, so please stay close. The call is raised. Excuse me, Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: Okay, that's fine. You scared me there for a minute. (Laugh.) I mean the one time I'm ready, Senator Barrett, and I thought maybe we'd have a call of the house and see if I could speak. But, at any rate, I voted to fix the building, and I wish I could support this with my head as I do with my heart. I've read these letters that I showed you. But, you know, we've been cautioned and cautioned about our priorities, and that was wise because we only have so much money. In fact, Senator Landis cautioned us the other day, I believe it was on state aid to schools, that we could not go on spending the money because it wasn't in the budget. Now, if it wasn't there then, it's probably not there now, even though this