

bills on the green sheet either pass or fail with support of the body. We will know more tomorrow than we do today by which the body can make a more knowing evaluation of its priorities. I do not have special inside information, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Mr. Speaker, would you respond to a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Speaker, would you respond to a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: That depends on the question, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: I thought that might be your answer, but... Senator Barrett, what is your understanding with regard to when we will receive the budget bills back? Is that going to take place yet today?

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is my understanding that the budget bills would be returned to us today. That has been my understanding and that was a comment that I shared with this Legislature on two previous occasions.

SENATOR HALL: Appreciate that, so...now you are worth three for three, right? All right. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I guess I have a little concern, and especially concerned with the remarks of Senator Wesely about passing the bill without any money in it. My support for the reimbursement for Commonwealth depositors is equal to or better than any other member of this body including the Lincoln senators and I make no apology for that, in fact I am pleased with it. I would have to say that I am somewhat concerned because of the spoken interrelationship of the various bills. Having very little personal involvement in a number of those bills which are deeply involved in the budget process, I perhaps have less interest in what happens to some of them than some of you might have, although overall, I do maintain a broad interest. I just want to go on record here and I'm going to speak I think on behalf of a large number of persons, both those who supported the bill and who opposed the bill, that if there are any negotiations taking place, clandestine, above board,