

May 23, 1989

LB 272A

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a second motion by Senator Landis to bracket LB 272A until January 3, 1990.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, and I'll take this matter up briefly as well. Let me tell you my intentions and you'll be able to measure your own choices against them. I intend to offer this bracket motion. If it fails, I intend to have the bill read and rather than to make any request for a limitation of funds, we should read the bill straight up and see how it does. Now, having told you what my intentions are, let me tell you my reasons for this motion. I have since Select File had four, I would imagine four votes fall off the bill. It seems to me that I do not have 25 votes. I've got votes that want to vote for 272, want to vote for Commonwealth and believe it to be a priority, but not a higher priority than other important spending issues. And I can't disagree with them. A number of those priorities I voted for myself. I believe in them, I want to see them be law. I can understand why when they have to make a choice, if they are jeopardizing a higher spending priority by voting for this bill, that they create a problem for themselves, and frankly, you know that to be true and I know that to be true. And because that's the case, I want to live to fight another day. That's why I offer the motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion, Senator McFarland, followed by Senators Warner, Moore and Hall.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ideally we should vote on bills not on the basis of what point we consider them in time or how are they, are listed on the agenda schedule or whether they come up during the middle of the session or in the last of the session. Ideally we should look at each bill on its own merits, vote on it whether we approve of it or disapprove of it and have those bills that are the most meritorious be the ones that pass. In my view, of course, this is one of the most if not the most meritorious bill that we had before us this session. The people of State Securities and Commonwealth and American Savings have been waiting years to be reimbursed on the guaranty that was provided to them when they deposited their savings, their life savings, their futures in the institutions only to find out that those savings were not protected and they