

had technically no legal right to them even though the Banking Department had failed in its obligation to monitor Commonwealth and State Securities and American Savings for that matter. We should not be voting on this bill on the basis of rumors that we hear and innuendo. Rumors can be circulated in all areas and I dare say that many rumors prove not to be true when we hear the final facts. I would just ask those senators that voted for this bill on Select File and who put this bill in the form that it is now in to consider that vote and ask any of those senators who are now considering reversing their positions to ask them how they can vote for that bill and raise the expectations and the hopes of all of those, I think there are at least 8,000, more than 8,000 people who would like to have some kind of reimbursement for the life savings that they lost. How can you justify a reversal of that vote? How can you explain to yourself a reversal of that vote and how can you rationalize or excuse yourself from taking that type of position and voting on Select File to provide reimbursement, long overdue reimbursement to these people whose hopes have been dashed time and time again and then to be so cruel and callous and insensitive as to vote in favor of that on Select File and then vote against this bill on Final Reading? It would be nice to end this session, I think for all of us, to be proud and pleased with having served in this Legislature and I hope that we do not end it this day or the last day in a fashion of rejecting this proposal. I will just ask each of you individually to not act as politicians for once and just to act like a caring and concerned and compassionate human being and vote to approve and pass this bill so that these people that have suffered so long...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...and have fought so hard can finally can get some kind of compensation and understanding from the state. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess I'm in the position of probably supporting this on the assumption that the votes aren't there to enact 272A. The other half of the equation for me then is, irregardless of...regardless, I'll get that right, regardless of the number of vetoes, I will support all vetoes because the only way I know to make this work in January is save every dollar we can and