

other issues. And it's troublesome to me that various politicians and people on the floor of the Legislature have always tried to use that particular bill or use that particular issue for their own personal benefit on issues that they want to have passed or want to see preserved. The problem with delaying the thing until next year is that you, in effect, as Senator Landis said, you don't put senators on record and I guess I have to side with Senator Schmit and I have to admire him for bringing this before us today. I think the senators who are going to switch their vote should be put on record. If they are going to vote for this on Select File and then be so sheepish as to withdraw that support on Final Reading, let them be put on record, let them explain their vote on the issue. I have a certain sense of hope I guess and maybe I'm very idealistic. I have talked with some of the senators who have felt that they were in a bind, that they were worried about other bills that are presently...have not yet been signed. I appreciate the fact that it does put them in a bind, they are in a dilemma, but I am hopeful that those senators who are in that dilemma will, in fact, as Senator Beck said, look to their hearts and not to their...the political reasoning that is being provided to them, and appreciate the fact that if we're going to reimburse these depositors, now is the time to do it. There is no better time to do this. I fear that if we delay it, we make our chances even worse and so I'm hopeful that those senators who find themselves in a dilemma will have the courage and the forthrightness to go ahead and vote for the bill and vote for Senator Schmit's proposal and get it done. If they switch their vote...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...and change to voting no or to not voting, which would even be just as bad, then it seems to me they should be identified and they should have to explain that switch. And if they can, in their heart, justify a switch like that, then so be it. But I am hopeful myself that the time has come to pass this bill. It is something that provides to a certain extent for optional funding. I mean, it can be signed and not funded this year. It doesn't force a veto of other measures. It's not...it's not definite that just because this bill would pass that there would be vetoes of other bills. As a matter of fact, you could...the other bills could be signed and this bill could be signed and not funded if there is not sufficient funds. And I would urge the other senators to consider this. I think it's