

if you want to play this game, you're going to play them by the rules in the book. This is a priority motion. Oh, yes, it's an unpopular one. Oh, yes, we'd like to all go to the party and forget about that obligation to the Commonwealth people as we have forgotten about obligations to a number of people, particularly when we have lined our own particular pockets and my bills safely passed and signed by the Governor. I am no better than anybody else or no different than anybody else, but, ladies and gentlemen, this bill can be addressed today just as well as any other bill, the hundreds of other bills. Now there are those who don't want to address it. I'm going to tell you that in 1984 regular session, many individuals stood on this floor. We had the bill within one vote of passage and all of a sudden the terrible admonitions came down the line, if you pass this bill now you are second guessing the court. And so as a result the very individuals, mostly Lincoln delegation who had the most to gain, fell prey to that warning and said, we'd better wait for the courts. I don't like to bring up the name of DeCamp again because on this floor that usually costs you five votes, but the facts are that DeCamp stood here and said, if you allow this bill to go down the drain now, if you wait for the courts, the depositors will never be paid. Ladies and gentlemen, does anyone on this floor believe that if we do not pay the depositors today with the largest surplus we have ever had, with the largest spending bill we've ever had, that they are ever going to get paid? Does anyone believe there will be more money here in January of '90 than there is today? Does anyone believe that our Governor cannot address this issue just as she has addressed all other issues we have sent to her? She may veto all of it, she may veto part of it, she may sign it. But, ladies and gentlemen, then, as has been said before on this floor many times today by my good friend Senator Rod Johnson, the ball is back in our court, but at least we have acted. It makes absolutely no sense for us to...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...once again hide behind the charade of procedure and try to lead and mislead well-intentioned, elderly, conscientious people with the idea that in January of 1990 we're going to take care of them. You know it's a lie, ladies and gentlemen. It is a lie and I do not believe in lying and I'm not going to lie to those people anymore. And so I'm telling you, I'm asking you to overrule the Chair and address this issue today and do not come to me afterward if you vote negative and