

only a \$30 million issue, give or take a few million bucks. It's only a few old people who are involved and they don't have any PACs, they don't have any group parading around the Capitol, they do not have any other entity to argue for them. My contention is this, and I want you to listen carefully. Most of you, of course, are highly skilled in this procedure and I never...I'm not. But, ladies and gentlemen, once the procedure was allowed to be discussed, how can anyone stand here and say it's not before the body? Had the Speaker immediately challenged my motion, then I would have to have said, Mr. Speaker, you've caught me short-handed, you've got me by the short hair. That's not hard to do with me. But when the Speaker allowed debate to proceed and three or four members got up and argued on the bill, one for, one against, others, well then the bill was before the body. Now Senator Withem says oh, this is a terrible precedent. Ladies and gentlemen, we plow new soil on this floor every day, every day, and I would guess there will probably be some rules to be sure that this doesn't happen again next year and bar all this other stuff. Ladies and gentlemen, we break the rules, we make the rules every day and we break them every day. Ladies and gentlemen, this bill is properly before the body because it was under debate, it was under debate. It was accepted. I was not ruled out of order when I began, even if the Speaker, because of graciousness, had allowed me to make my pitch and then ruled me out of order, then I would have had to sit down. But once debate began, I do not need to be a lawyer, I do not need to be a school teacher, I do not need to be an educated person, I am flat-footed 60-year-old farmer who knows the bill is before the body. Now you can rule me out of order, you can vote against me, ladies and gentlemen, but there is one thing you will not be able to do. If you vote against me, if you vote to uphold the Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, there will be thousands of depositors out there who will know that is a vote against the payment of the Commonwealth debt. If you vote with me, ladies and gentlemen, the depositors will know it is a vote for the payment of the Commonwealth debt. And I am amazed, I am absolutely amazed at my senator friends here who have begged me, pleaded with me, although I was here before any of them, and asked me to help pay Commonwealth who now have lost the starch out of their backbone and have said, oh, no, now now, we can't do it now, he's out of order. Ladies and gentlemen, I'll tell you what's out of order on this floor, courage is out of order on this floor, determination is out of order, hypocrisy is in. Use those people, ladies and gentlemen, use them again. Why? Why vote now? We can use them again next