

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. I think the comments have been very good on the floor today. Appreciate and agree with many of the senators who have spoken on this issue. Senator Chambers didn't have a chance to finish his statement about what his actual position is on the resolution itself so I'll yield the rest of my time to him.

PRESIDENT: You still have four and a half minutes on it, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator McFarland. Members of the Legislature, when you look at the scope of the investigation that was envisioned in the first resolution, it is clear that there is no way that charge could have been completed in the interim, meaning between the time that the resolution was passed and the beginning of this session. The committee has done substantial work. It has been time consuming. There is a thoroughness that has resulted in the disclosure of witnesses and information of substance. So since the Legislature believed when it passed the first resolution that that issue was serious enough to be investigated and a committee to be established, and the committee has acquitted itself well up to this point. To cease the investigation at this point would be to have undertaken an act by the Legislature which is not to be carried through to completion. So I do think that the resolution should be approved. There is one comment that I have to make, Senator Labeledz, about the prior investigation conducted by the Attorney General's Office or the noninvestigation, whatever it was. We had a gentlemen before us whose name was Vlahoulis and he was one of the most inept, incompetent people I have ever had come before a committee on which I sat as a member. For that individual to have been hired by the Attorney General and to be paid taxpayers money is almost in and of itself a dereliction of duty. For him to carry the title, investigator, I felt was to disparage anybody who carries that title. I sat through his entire testimony, I questioned him, there is a transcript of that testimony for anybody who wants to read it and be mightily amused. I asked him a question about what he had done in terms of investigating on the Franklin issue. Well, he had gone over to the Secretary of State's Office and got some papers relative to the board of directors or something like that and I told him that's secretary work, that's not investigating work. But on