

depositors should be reimbursed or not, but at least give Senator Landis the chance to have his day, to have his time to speak on the merits of the bill and not have to worry about all the political games and shenanigans being played. I would urge you to at least suspend the rules at this time, give us the chance to argue the merits of the bill and then make your determination afterwards. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, you are next, but may I introduce some guests, please. In the south balcony, Senator Rod Johnson has some guests up there and they are 35 seventh and eighth grade students from Clay Center Public Schools in Clay Center, Nebraska, and their teacher. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature, all of you. We appreciate your being here today and please come back and visit us again. Senator Doug Kristensen has a guest under the north balcony, Jill Fritzen from Minden, Nebraska. I understand she is the secretary for Senator Kristensen out at Minden. Jill, would you please stand and be recognized. Is it true, Jill, you do all the work out there? Okay, thanks for visiting us today, Jill. Senator Wesely, you are the next speaker, followed by Senator Hannibal and Senator Haberman.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I will attempt to be brief in dealing with this issue. I want to start by simply thanking all of the members of the Legislature that have in the past supported this problem and resolution of it. Many of you have voted to reimburse the Commonwealth depositors, State Securities and American Savings and it is appreciated very much by myself and others, especially the depositors involved. They do appreciate that show of support and, hopefully, today we can finish the job. And I want to start off by thanking you and then follow up by saying it's about time we were rid of the issue, that all of us, as Senator Landis started talking about it again, I don't know what you felt, but I felt I'm tired of hearing this. I'm tired of talking about Commonwealth, I'm tired of the depositors having to go through the agony they are going through. I'm just tired of the issue. Six years, it's too long a time to having to have this linger on and I think all of us probably share that. And once again, we get into another debate on the issue and I think the reason it is up before you is to put it behind us, that we're tired of it, the Commonwealth depositors are tired of it, the state is tired of it. I think what people want to see is that the right is...that right comes forward where a wrong has been, where justice is brought forward