

where injustice has been and that we correct the mistake that we made now some years ago. And I simply feel that taking this step is the way to go because last year, with all of your support that were behind the bill we had, it looked like the votes to pass it, but, unfortunately, in the shuffle of bills, it got lost in that shuffle. Now we're coming back and saying we must step past that and not allow us to once again wait till the end of the session and be lost among all the different legislation and yet again not put the issue behind us. And so that's why we're saying let's deal with it now, let's bring it up now, let's put it behind us and let's go forward and we won't have to have continual pressure that we've had on this and agony that the depositors have felt on this go on any longer. So, I, for one, if you're sitting there feeling, you know, if you've been here a while, you know exactly what I mean, that here it comes again, but this is our chance. This is our opportunity. This is the year that we can finally deal with the issue and feel good about what has been a real sore spot for many of us for so long and feel good about dealing with it in solving that problem. So I ask very much for your support for this motion and then support for the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, please, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I stand to oppose the suspension motion for issues unrelated to the merits of the specific issue, itself, that being whether we, as a Legislature, should appropriate funds for the Commonwealth depositors, but rather I stand because I am concerned about the suspension rule. If I am correct in understanding the rules that we are asked to suspend right now, we will not have any opportunity to discuss this issue after this motion is taken, if the motion is passed. It will take 30 votes to suspend the rules. Once that is done, the rules that we have suspended, and there is no list of them, by the way, and there is just only conjecture as to exactly what rules we do need to suspend, but among those would be any motions towards debate on Final Reading, any motions towards bringing a bill back from Final Reading for purposes of amendment, and, obviously, the motion that is, I think, tantamount in Senator Landis's mind is the rule that says this bill should not or could not be heard until after the 45th day of this session. So I would encourage any of you who are interested in voicing an opinion on either the procedure or the merits of the bill to