

think that this will help. And, hopefully, we'll get some prosecution from this, but I can't guarantee that. But I think we do have an opportunity here to address the issue of child and sexual abuse in this state that we've never had before, and I would hate to see that opportunity go away. So, with that, I would urge the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator. Senator Kristensen, on the advancement of LB 1246.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I don't know how big Franklin really is. I've heard a lot that Franklin is really big. I've asked almost all the members of the Franklin Committee, how big is it? And they all, without exception, have said, it's terrible, it's big and it's important. It kind of reminds me a little bit about some of the things that were said about Commonwealth, reminds me about some things that had been said about the way low-level nuclear waste has been handled as I look at Senator Morrissey. It's big, it's emotional, and it's controversial, and those aren't always the best environments to legislate in. They make you go faster or slower than you'd want to. They make you do things that maybe in the back of your head aren't the right things to do, but we need to do them because they're big, because something has got to be done. I don't like attacking the system. And I don't think now is the appropriate time to attack the system. If the system has failed, that to me is where the goal of the Franklin Credit Union Committee is at. If there are problems in the system, we ought to come in. The Legislature is not an enforcement arm, it's not a judicial branch. We're here to make changes in the system if changes need to be made. And you don't try people on the floor of the Legislature, and you don't try them in the court of public opinion. There may well be innocent people out here involved in the Franklin Credit Union case, I don't know, but they're being tried in the court of public opinion, and I'm not sure that's the correct place to try them. You've got to let the system run. If the system is flawed, then we ought to come in here and change them. And I would charge the members of the Franklin Committee to do that. You've spent a lot of time doing that. And you've spent a lot of time looking into possible problems. If the system is flawed or corrupt, come back and tell us, because I think that is what we've charged you to do, and that's what I'd like you to come back. What I want to focus on and I want to make sure the Legislature knows what we're going to do,