

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Those lots were sold to Pinnacle Point Development, Inc. They were included in a bulk sale of various Commonwealth properties and it's impossible, of course, to determine exactly how much money those lots brought each. Now I just want to say that there is a, using just those lots, there is approximately \$12 million that could be considered a loss to Commonwealth depositors on that one transaction alone. I want to just say at this time, I hope that others will speak, there are good and valid arguments that we offer it as to why we should not address the issue at this time but, ladies and gentlemen, there is no argument that argues against the one which I make and that is that it is time to make redress. Almost eight years have gone by, more than seven...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and the people have a right to know whether we as legislators will live up to our promise and we have this opportunity to do it here today. I ask that you support my proposal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Before I go to the next speaker I'm going to introduce some guests of Senator Schellpeper. They are 18 seniors from Clarkson High School and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask for a division of the question. It appears that one part of the proposed amendment addresses the approval of a \$30 million claims bill. The other part addresses changing of statute. So I would ask for the question to be divided. The division would be Section 4 which is lines 2 through 19 on page 1, and the second part would be Section 7 beginning with line 20 on page 1 through the rest of the proposed amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen, the Chair will rule that that is...that this is clearly divisible at that point, and so then I will check with Senator Schmit to see which one he wants to take up first. It is clearly divisible.