

guarantee made by this state and to the extent that they have not received justice, that if this is a chance to pay out the monies of the state to meet that end, I'll be happy to do so. I'm voting aye on this Schmit amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: PRESIDING

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Landis, before we move on to the next speaker I'd like to announce that Senator Dennis Byars has guests in the south balcony. We have 15 students from Adams High School. If they would please stand and be recognized. Next speaker is Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I, too, will vote for this amendment, and thank Senator Schmit for bringing it to us today. Over the weekend I spent a lot of time reviewing that tort claim. I had read it before, but I went through it once more to see if there was some relief we could find for the depositors. That word, depositors, in Nebraska has come to be almost a dictionary word describing a certain group of people who have not yet received the full justice that they deserve. I'm going to read a little bit of Chapter 40, from Job, to you and then make a point which I hope all of you will listen and vote with us this morning on this claim. And the Lord answering Job out of the whirlwind said, gird up thy loins like a man and I will ask thee, and do thou tell me, will thou make void my judgment and condemn me that thou may be justified. And later in Verse 6, scatter the proud and thy indignation and behold every arrogant man and humble him. Look on all that are proud and confound them, and crush the wicked in their place. Hide them in the dust together and plunge their faces into the pit. Then I will confess that thy right hand is able to save thee. Let's be that right hand and save these depositors. Gird up your loins, like men and women, and stand up for justice. Two years ago I took LB 356, just to give you a little history of what we've tried to do for the depositors the last two years, I took LB 356 as my priority bill, we could not get it moved on General File. Dave Landis found a mechanism, in LB 272A, we got it amended into that, and felt so good because we got it passed on Final Reading. We were finally getting to the point where these people would get their money back, up to \$30,000 in each account. And then the Supreme Court, in its infinite wisdom, whacked us down, two or three weeks ago, whenever it was, and we're right back at square one, trying to figure out how to help the people who deserve to be helped. I echo what Senator Landis