

all just directly out of Commonwealth. But then we see what happened at Franklin Institution, where nearly \$40 million was claimed by individuals, and only \$3 million available to them. One of the worst financial disasters this state ever saw. Again, covered by the federal government and the federal credit union, but nevertheless a black mark on the State of Nebraska. We've seen recently the Peery action in the Compact, and the stealing of supposedly \$600,000, other problems there as well. We heard about the situation, the smaller amount of money, 18,000 we're talking about over at ENCOR, the Mental Retardation Region. We've heard about the pittance of money that the Secretary of State Beermann was involved with, that's hopefully been resolved, but who knows. Frank Marsh lost his office based on some phone calls that were questionable and some court action followed. We've had...I'm just using these Nebraska examples to underlie, again, on the national scene what happened over the last year, since 1983, it was a decade of decadence. We had profiteers, plunders, and pirates take over this country as we saw corporate takeovers. The S&L failures, the banks, insurance companies now, and story after story of individuals that simply had no value system that told them what they were doing was wrong, when it was so clearly wrong, unjust, and unfair. We have bred naves, buccaneers, and scalawags across this country, and this state is no exception. Commonwealth, in my estimation, started...didn't start all of that, obviously. But for me, started me...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...to be aware of the fact that this, in fact, can happen in our state. That we saw, nationally, all these problems happening. It still seemed as though we would pass the storm without injury, but that has not been the case. So it seems to me, what I'm trying to put this into is a context, the 1980's were, I think, a terrible decade in many ways, looking back on them, and one of the worst was the way in which we allowed us and the pursuit of money to get in the way of...not to get in the way of anything, including our own value system. And so it seems to me we must go back to those values, the values that our word is good, that when we trust the state, when we trust individuals, that we can feel secure in that trust. And it seems to me one of the ways we can rectify and redeem ourselves is to repay these people, that we can go back and honor our commitment to these individuals and I support this amendment and any other efforts to try and do that because I