

CLERK: 17 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate does not cease. Senator Crosby, you are next.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to those of you who voted red so I could speak. I'm not sure you knew that I wanted to but that's why I voted red. I...I really...I'm not sure I thank Senator Schmit for bringing this again this morning because we keep holding hope out to these people that I'm not sure is there in this particular claim. And you know how I feel about all of the depositors and the one thing that's wrong with this one is that the original LB 272A and it's...and it's...the bill that started the whole thing two years ago, LB 356, was for 16.9 for two bienniums and that included American Savings in Omaha, State Securities in Lincoln and Commonwealth. And so, you see, \$30 million for Commonwealth is not a correct figure right at this stage of the game. I appreciate all the things that have been said about what's happened to them and I have great sympathy and I lost a good friend again last August who was a Commonwealth depositor and they're dying off, one by one, because of their age and because a lot of them put the money into it for their old age and for their children and other things. But, at this...right this morning, I will vote for this amendment but it isn't correct because it doesn't include the other two and it would throw the budget, where? I'm not sure. On a Final Reading, to bring it again, I...I just don't think...I think there's other ways that we can work to try to get the money back for these people and I want to do that. The other thing I want to be on record again, I will not be a party, I understand what you're saying about the embezzlement from Kent Johnson, embezzlement these days seems to be a disease. There are people taking money from people, like that woman in Omaha who took from handicapped people, I don't understand their thinking. I do not understand the thinking in embezzlement. But for us to base our feelings on something like that doesn't do the depositors any good. I'm not out to get anyone. I am against capital punishment but I will say in some cases where people take money from poor people and other people I might make an exception because I think that they...that, to me, is one of the worst things that you can do is to take money from people who can't afford it, like the widow's mite in the Bible. So, Senator Schmit, I guess I will...I guess I will vote for it but it is not correct. You do have to include those other two to