

always sort of the luck of the draw when we have to try to decide an issue with, as happened yesterday, the Government Committee out of...off the floor and we recognize that it was a serious disadvantage for one side and an advantage for the other. The issue, whether you take a vote on Select File or General File, and how you do it, and the mechanics, that is a part of the process. We recognize that. Senator Hall recognized that when he allowed 829 to be used as a vehicle. I am really seriously concerned. If it were not for the fact that the rural members of this body are rapidly becoming the endangered species of the Legislature, I'd probably almost be inclined, and I may yet be, I am not sure, to cast a vote to reconsider. I've just sat down and have gone over in some detail the vote on the motion on 850 this morning to pay the Commonwealth depositors, and it causes me serious anguish to realize that only two other rural legislators and myself cast a vote for that motion. And I would have to say this, that given the law of averages, given the law of averages, and throwing out every other consideration you can think about, we were not voting, ladies and gentlemen, on anything other than, does the state have liability when an employee of the state, someone who is responsible to the state, doesn't carry out their responsibility, and, in fact, becomes a thief? Now when you count those votes and you find 16 basically urban legislators and three rurals, and I have thrown in Senator Morrissey, and he is going to cringe a little bit, among the three voting the other way, the law of averages, ladies and gentlemen, don't argue very well for that. Nothing happens perfectly in nature, and you'd have to find a different set of circumstances to argue that only three rural senators could find it in their heart to support such a motion. I couldn't help but think at the same time this morning as I was driving in, that we're talking about the need to reimburse the depositors or the Governor's fund, disaster fund, because of the problem out in western Nebraska. Well, the day will come, ladies and gentlemen, when the chances of getting funds for Crawford, Nebraska will be as rare as, well, I am not going to say, somebody voting for the lottery on this floor, because why should they? Why should you be concerned about a vote for someone as far west as Senator Wickersham's district? For all anyone knows, it is Wyoming. Most people in Nebraska will never see Crawford, Nebraska, and so who cares less. And the matter of equity isn't an issue here. The matter of equity wasn't considered on the Commonwealth vote this morning. It was, is it going to affect my reelection or not? That is a bunch of nonsense. I happen to