

ask questions between senators, you may not know that, but this is the norm.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, thank you. Now, Senator Hall...no, I believe that there is some conflict here because you are going to have a constitutional provision, as Senator Hall would propose it to say is that it is unlimited. It is to the discretion of the Legislature. That is going to be in conflict with what Senator Withem's statutory language here, and the Constitution is always going to control in that matter, and it is probably going to really place a burden upon making that statute work. But beyond that, I guess what I'm really concerned about is that the goal here, or at least as I hear it, is to allow us to fund special projects and those individual things. There is a tremendous amount of mischief in doing that. Reimbursement of the Commonwealth depositors is probably a worthy and worthwhile thing to do. But in doing that, in allowing this broad exception to special legislation, and lending the credit of the state, there are a myriad of other mischiefs that are out there, and that any one Legislature can go ahead and do. And that is in there for a specific reason, and that is at the spur of the moment, whether it is a catastrophe suffered financially or because of an act of God or something, the Legislature may feel compassion, they may feel a need to act, they may feel just some mercy for somebody, and want to pay them. And the reason that you don't have special legislation allowed or that you don't have lending of the credit is that the state is not a bank, and the state is not the ultimate guarantor of everyone's misfortune. And I think that although maybe the goal here to reimburse the Commonwealth depositors is a very good one, you open up a lot more mischief and I think that Senator Smith's amendment is right on point. I see a conflict with Senator Withem's statute of where he believes the money is going to go and the overbroad exception to the lottery money where it may be spent, and with that I would support the Smith amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Hall. Senator Beutler waives. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in opposition, again, to Senator Smith's amendment. I...clearly, you have to draw the distinction between lottery dollars, which we are talking about here, and state tax revenues that are