

SENATOR HALL: Um-hmm.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, we are now to the close. Senator Smith to close on her amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. What I am doing does not affect the first part of the amendment, the first section of the amendment, that allows for the Legislature to determine how lottery proceeds will be spent, and the issue here, whether you support or whether you are in opposition to reimbursement for a specific group of people is really a separate issue, from placing such language in the Constitution. There is a greater issue here. Remember, we are talking about the Constitution of Nebraska here, and you...long after the issue about Commonwealth is resolved, God willing, there will be other things coming up, and what you are doing here, if you support the amendment as it is written, and do not support my amendment, is you are saying that you are going to allow the removal in the State Constitution that prohibits special interest legislation, and that prohibits extension of the credit by the state. This is going to be in the Constitution, and there are many other things that can come into play here, other than just this one issue we are dealing with right here. Trying to get a way to be able to reimburse Commonwealth depositors is only one issue. It could be a retirement fund for Senator Smith, special, because it would remove the prohibition against special legislation. So I am saying to you that I didn't intend for this to be a long drawn out affair. We've discussed Commonwealth over and over and over. You all know how you feel about this issue, but you need to keep in mind what you are doing is putting that in place, but you are also opening not only a window, as Senator Will said, for the reimbursement for a group of people, but you are opening the door wide open for future kinds of special legislation from the proceeds of the lottery, though. So it is your choice, and I just ask you to vote however you feel about the issue. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Smith. You have heard the question, the question is the adoption of the amendment by Senator Smith to the amendment by Senator Hall. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I would like to have a call of