

be allowed to do that. Or if the people vote it down, if they say no, that is it. It is over. It seems to me we have got to put it behind us and to not take this step will allow it to linger on and on and on and on, as it already has. All of you that have opposed it in the past, you don't have to end up saying that you want to see this take place. What you are suggesting and what you are offering is a chance for the people to make that decision, putting it on the ballot, allowing them to decide the issue. And if they decide against us, well, those of us that have supported the reimbursement will have to simply live with it. That will be it. Our efforts will have to end. But, please, if you like or dislike the idea of reimbursing the depositors, at least put this issue on the ballot. Give us the chance to let the people vote on it, and that is about as much as we can ask of you. And I appreciated in the past the efforts of this Legislature to reimburse. You have been wonderful. We are tired of the issue. We are all, I know, worn down by the issue. It is a depressing issue. If it is depressing for us, you can imagine the suffering of the people involved. It is time to end their suffering one way or the other so they don't have this lingering hope that will never be fulfilled, or perhaps also the lingering doubts that they carry with them every day and every minute as they wonder whether they will ever get their money back. We have got to deal with the issue. This is the best way to do it. Please help us by supporting this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body. I rise in support of the amendment that has been brought by the Lincoln senators. Senator Hall brought us an amendment a little while back that was ahead of its time, but whatever it was, it clearly did not have the support of the body, but it would have been a very general approach to allowing the Legislature a great deal of latitude in appropriating money. This will be a very specific approach, and what it would do is it would, number one, it would separate the issues. It would make the issue of whether we had a lottery one ballot question. And the issue of whether we could use proceeds from that lottery to reimburse depositors of failed commercial and industrial loans a separate issue. So the voters could decide on the issues separately. They could decide on the one hand whether they simply wanted a lottery, and on the other, whether they wanted to use proceeds from that lottery to reimburse depositors