

things separate, they can too. Now for those of you who care about the Commonwealth issue as a proponent, this is realistically the one way that it's possible to get a constitutional method of reimbursement. And for those of you who don't like Commonwealth, this is the way to provide those of us who have been rattling your cages for years with the final closeout argument. Dave, look at what the polls said last year, the people voted it down and don't bring any more bills. Either way, it is a final solution. That should appeal to this body. It's either a stake in the heart of the Commonwealth issue or it's the gateway to a constitutional mechanism to pay Commonwealth. And either answer is better for this state than where we are now, than where we are now. We are not this time asking you for 30 million bucks, we're asking for a chance to ask the people if they say yes or no. They are able to make that choice; they have important feelings about this; they're capable of distinguishing two separate boxes in two separate places on the ballot...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...on these issues. Don't underestimate the public. And my guess is that they would like to make their will known, both those who are proponents and those who are opponents. They wouldn't mind telling us what they think we should do. Give them the chance to do it, adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Mr. Clerk, is there an amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend AM2205. (Chambers amendment appears on page 2749 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I haven't had time to circulate this amendment but I can read it and it will be easy for you to understand what it is I'm talking about when I explain it. It would be added on page 3 of Senator Beutler's amendment, line 14. After "Constitution" you'd add this sentence. "The Legislature shall not be empowered to make appropriations to compensate such depositors pursuant to this provision after July 1, 1995." If the lottery is going to make as much money as people say that it