

Many people, many people are wronged by the actions of this Legislature, but no group has been as consistently wronged as have been the depositors of those three failed institutions. No group has been to the well more often, yes, but the well has been dry. The well has been dry. How many times, if I'm to write thank you notes for all the 24-vote bills I've had on this floor, I'd be busy for months. Do you know what that did for me, a 24-vote bill? Nothing, nothing at all. You need 25, and it needs to be pursued all the way through. These people are not sophisticated. They are not knowledgeable about the system. Some of them have become quite knowledgeable, but I would hope, ladies and gentlemen, that the court will not hide behind the technicality of the statute of limitations or some other technicality. I would hope that when the court reviews the tort claim that has been filed, that the court reimburses those depositors in full. I hope that I am here long enough to see the court tell this Legislature, yes, you must appropriate a hundred million, or whatever the losses are, to reimburse those individuals, not to the maximum of 30,000, but to the losses and the interest and all of the other chicanery, etcetera, that went along; one Mr. Kent Johnson, receiver for Commonwealth depositors, embezzled a million, five approximately, give or take another hundred grand, out of a \$2 million fund; and Mr. John Queen, who was also one of those receivers; and Mr. Joe Badami, also the head honcho in charge didn't know about it. Who was watching the checkbook? Who was in charge of maintaining the integrity of that system? Those two fine gentlemen, no charges, no wrongdoing, Mr. Lacey says. For gosh sakes, if you do not watch your hired help and they squander three-fourths of the meager resources that are under their command, then who is responsible? It is like Senator Chambers questions about Mr. Peery that were quoted in the paper yesterday. Who is responsible? Not us chickens, no, somebody else. We are not guilty. Why absolutely not. We set the system up, that is all, but we never checked. Several years ago I came to this body and said I don't like what is going on at the Ethanol Authority; they are good people, sincere, but I think they are going at it in a manner inconsistent with what the legislative intent was. Did I get support from this body? No. Then this session, members on this floor said, ah-ha, they are not doing the job right so let's take away all of the opportunity for equity funding from the Ethanol Authority, and just use it for production credit. Production credit for what? Production credit for an alcohol plant that was built before the bill was passed, before the bill was passed; \$3 million down the