

thin the patience of many of us. It does not wear my patience thin because time, after time, after time on this floor people have come to us and have said you have got to keep working the Legislature. It may take a year, five years, it may take 100,000, it may take a half a million, it may take a million dollars of lobbying money, but we will get it done. There is no one lobbying for the depositors of these institutions, ladies and gentlemen,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and the time will come when we will regret that we did not do what I think to be the right thing. Madam President, at this point, I ask for permission to withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: If there are no objections, so ordered. Is there anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Smith would move to return the bill for specific amendment. (See AM2299 on page 2886 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I want Senator Schmit, who is leaving now, to note my voice has a big smile in it, and I am going to talk just for a second about gifts. I am going to talk about, first of all, just very briefly, lobbyists have never given me special gifts, such as boxes of cigars. Number two, the money given to ADC, one, was provided to them by Senator Schmit's bill last year, and, number three, I agree with Senator Schmit, we should remove the Commonwealth depositors from this bill if that is what they want, and if that is what Senator Schmit wants, so I am going to give everyone an opportunity to really vote to remove them from the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Speaking order now is Senator Schmit, Wesely and Beutler. Senator Schmit. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Madam President, the Smith amendment is to strike the Commonwealth provision that we added last Friday, is that correct?