

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: The amendment is to strike...the amendment would remove all language dealing with reimbursement of Commonwealth depositors, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Thank you, Senator Smith. I understand, again, your anger from the previous discussion and I heard that loud and clear in the vote. We don't want to take any more time on this. If we amend the resolution, it needs to go back through the process to come back yet today to be voted on. We'd like to put the thing to rest and allow a vote on this amendment and just let us go forward. I guess I'd ask Senator Smith if she would consider withdrawing it. We could be done with the issue and go forward. I will give Senator Smith my time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, Senator Wesely, I will remove that amendment from consideration but I wanted to have the opportunity to make a little retort, too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith, you have not withdrawn it yet, is that correct?

SENATOR SMITH: I would like to withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, the amendment is withdrawn. Is there anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Will would move to return. (See FA218 on page 2886 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, members of the body, I simply filed this to explain exactly what we are voting on after all this debate. We have...this is the equivalent of moving to strike the enacting clause. What we are voting on is a constitutional amendment that would pose two separate questions to the voters; the first being whether we are authorizing a state lottery; the second being whether, if we authorize a state lottery, the proceeds can be used to reimburse the depositors of failed institutions. Just, I wanted to simply get up after all