

SENATOR HABERMAN: Have we had any Attorney General's in the...Opinions in the past that pertain to the legality of the state giving money, as Senator Moore said, payoff Common...the Commonwealth people?

SENATOR LANDIS: We've had a variety of them.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Were they for or against the issue?

SENATOR LANDIS: They split, depending on which way the issue has been...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Presented.

SENATOR LANDIS: ..or the question's been written.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Moore, I'm sure you heard that explanation. We've had opinions. Some said yes and some said no, so being's as we've already had some opinions and, as Senator Landis says they've been split, I would urge this body to vote "no". If you get to vote as we've got it on the ballot then we can decide the issue at that time. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Members of the body, this issue has went on certainly far longer than I've been in this body. If this resolution would provide any mechanism to reach final resolution then it's worthy of our support and I intend to do so.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I rise in support of the resolution. My only hesitation is that it, once again, might raise false expectations and I hope that's not the case. What I...I think will happen from this, if I'm not misreading the resolution, Senator Haberman, is that this would simply tell us a direction that we could go. It would not...it would not necessarily mandate that we do something. It would simply suggest that there are or there are not constitutional means by which we could do this and I am willing to...to try any avenue that this body can for the repayment of those Commonwealth depositors. I think that many of us in this body have worked long and hard towards that goal and I'd simply