

CLERK: It's 2241, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: If you could, page 2241. What this adds is a chance to court under certain situations to privately review the situation, the documents in question and after some standards, some thresholds are met, suggest that there really is a good reason to allow for the admittance of this information to the proceedings. It balances out the situation. It allows the protection but if there is an abuse of that protection that we provide, there's a chance to intervene and to correct the injustice involved. I know many of you didn't have a chance to hear the floor debate. I, frankly, didn't have a chance to hear Senator Kristensen come up with his arguments against this. I don't know what they could be. It seems to me a very reasonable, modest effort to balance off the issue at hand here, and I'm one of those that voted for the bill. I thought it was fine as it was, but I think additional caution is in order. Part of it is, as Senator Beutler, coming from Lincoln, seeing what happened with Commonwealth, knowing what happened to the S&Ls, we're probably a little more cautious, a little more overly sensitive on these issues, but having the lessons of history forgotten leads to their being repeated. And I think that, again, being cautious before we open up, allow more secrecy, more protections, let's see if there isn't a common ground, some sort of reasonable compromise, and this seems like it to me. Rather than just vote against the bill, this is a chance to find a common ground, and, again, I think a lot of us weren't here and I would like to hear a little bit more of the discussion. I think that this isn't a bad amendment but perhaps not having heard it, obviously, the vote went the way it did. I would ask you to reconsider. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm struggling with this as the rest of you are as well. I voted for the bill out of committee. We made some changes in the committee which I thought tightened the bill and reached a level that was satisfactory to me. Let me tell you what I'm trying to avoid and what I also don't want to have occur. I'll tell you what I think is a reasonable thing that banks shouldn't have to suffer. Let's say they do an internal review of their own documents and they discover that they're out of compliance with something, and they generate that and they may have started some