

that a decision has to be made. A decision has to be made. I think I'm just repeating what Senator Witek has said, but a decision has been made. The attorney for the state, the Attorney General of the state, has made the decision that those payments can be made and nothing more need to be done. What process are we in now? Each and every time there's some error in government, each and every time there's some question as to the legitimacy of some payment the Legislature is going to second guess the Attorney General's decision and decide whether or not there should be litigation to force the issue? I guess I'd like to hear a little bit more about why this situation is different from any other situation that could arise where potentially the state is on the losing side. And, you know, another point that was made is that there are huge amounts at stake. Well, there are huge amounts at stake and on average there's \$120,000 at stake for each one of these little people that's involved. Are the school districts going to be the one to file the lawsuit? They're going to be the ones to file the lawsuit that says we put these people on the payroll but now we want you to tell us we don't have to pay them anymore? I don't know who is going to file the lawsuit. Maybe there's someone so depraved out there that they will feel a need to file a lawsuit and somehow they'll get standing and succeed in doing it. That could be. But I think most everybody who understands what the situation is would be hard pressed, if they have any public relation needs whatsoever, would be hard pressed to file a lawsuit. Await the action. Why is it, why is it that we admit that we're wrong and then we want to press the issue in court so we can be told we don't have to pay? What else do we want to find out? That, all right, we could pay? Well, we're paying anyway so we don't need to find that out. The only thing worth finding out is if we don't have to pay and that's the very thing I don't want to find out. I don't want to ask because you might get the wrong answer, and any good lawyer will tell you if you think you're going to get the wrong answer, don't ask. Yes, there would be somewhat of an ability...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to frame the issue if we brought the lawsuit. But the American system of justice doesn't allow you to win a lawsuit by framing the issue. Justice itself involves the other parties being able to file certain types of motions and develop their side of the case just as amply and just as