

Commonwealth claim. I do know this. This is not a priority bill. We have a limited number of priority bills. I had another one I had to pick. This is not a priority bill. If you kill it and I understand the votes are here to kill it, organized by the cities, the counties and the Commonwealth people, rest assured you may be killing the Commonwealth claim. And I say that three times loud and clear. Kill it now and kill your claim. Kill it now and kill your claim. Kill it now and kill your claim. Representations were made. One way or another you're going to have to live up to them. All I'm trying to do is get the maximum benefit to the Commonwealth people and I'm willing to go so far, so far as to make this an optional thing that 85 percent of the Commonwealth people would have to agree to as part of their settlement before they did anything. And who is going to be paying it? We'll all pay it, like all citizens in my district are going to be paying the claim of the 20.5 million or the 8 million. They're all going to be paying that. I don't know the final outcome of the bill if you keep it alive. I do think you're making a mistake to kill it. I urge you to adopt the amendment, advance the bill. I will wait for another Attorney General's Opinion on the amendment if you adopt it, but don't, when you are in completely new territory, now repudiate everything you promised before. I say new territory because the original thing was a tort claim. Your tort claim is only good for about 8 million. If you want that other 12.5 million you're going to have to come up with something more honest than we just want money under some claim theory. It won't work that way in my opinion. I urge adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the DeCamp amendment to LB 691. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. May we have your attention. Please record your vote if you wish to vote on the item on the floor at the present time which is the DeCamp amendment to LB 691. The Chair will allow 20 seconds for the recording of votes. May we have your cooperation, please. Please record your vote if you wish to vote on the DeCamp amendment to LB 691. Time is expiring for your opportunity to vote on this amendment. I have to call time.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.