

but nothing for the Commonwealth people. So that is why I am supporting this resolution.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Order in the Chamber please. The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, and all the listening voices who are watching and listening here today, this is a mechanism which is presented for your sincere consideration. It is the first tool we need to move on to the next step. Without your support, we cannot even find out if the courts will give us an okay. We need to have this tool in place so that the next step forward can be made. Won't you join with many others who have already affixed their name to the document saying we believe in this, we want to be a part of the answer, not a stumbling block for further problems. I want to help resolve the issue. I want to help move in the direction I have felt for over a year we need to move. With your collective help, we can sign this, put it in place, and move on to the next step. We would like to solve the entire matter tomorrow. We can't. But this is a tool. Let's use what is presented for us to try and resolve this situation now. There are thousands of people and thousands of hurt stories. Many hundreds of people have shared those stories with me and with many members here on the legislative floor. We need to help where we can and move on to the next step. I urge your support for this resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Barrett. The next Senators that I have for recognition are Vard Johnson, DeCamp, Lamb, Warner, and Beutler.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. With reference to the resolution found on 376 and 377 of the Legislative Journal, I find it a very unique idea, I find it innovative, I find it creative, but to my knowledge something that has never been tried before in this state and I hope it is never tried again. I am a little concerned, Mr. President and members, about the substantial legal barriers that I think this body will find before it, legal barriers that I feel truly exist. That is to say simply that the state's indebtedness as I understand it according to Article XIII, Section 3 cannot exceed \$100,000 except for such instances as rebelling invasion, suppressing insurrection or whatever the word might be, or perhaps in