

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman would move to amend the resolution by adding the following new section: "It is the intent of the Legislature that the settlement of this claim shall include a provision that there shall be forgiveness of property taxes by the subdivisions of government located in Lancaster County on property held by the receivership."

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, the intent of the resolution...or the amendment was to have Lancaster County and Lincoln forgive the real estate taxes to show their faith, their intent of helping out. However, the Attorney General's Opinion on page 388 just blew that amendment right out of the water. So due to that, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a couple of questions. Senator Beutler...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, would you respond, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Did you hear what I said earlier?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I was out of the Chamber, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Oh, okay. My amendment to have the city...

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) May we please have your attention so these gentlemen can speak to each other? Thank you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: My amendment to have the city and the county forgive the taxes on the Commonwealth property was blown out of the saddle this morning due to an Attorney General's Opinion that it couldn't be done. So, therefore, I would like to ask you a couple of questions, if I could. I have a copy of a paper here and you are quoted as...it says, "The resolution is silent on the issue of asking Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln to give \$5 million in property taxes as special assessments on real estate owned by Commonwealth." Then it quotes you as saying, "Senator Chris Beutler of Lincoln said the provision was