

do. I'm deeply grateful for all of you that supported that. This report does not deal with that same figure, it deals with a lesser figure. I still don't quite know what it means. I've talked to Senator DeCamp about it privately. I'm a bit concerned whether it could be any sort of basis on which a legal action could be taken if a settlement plan is approved. I don't quite know what it means. I guess I'm asking, maybe we should take a little more time with this than we have right now. Is there any possibility, Senator DeCamp, that we could delay taking a vote on this and perhaps try to get some legal opinion as to what the net impact is, rather than rushing forward at this time?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, would you like to respond to his question?

SENATOR DECAMP: As I understand the question, it is, would I rather delay or would I rather go ahead? Is that it?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Could we take time to look at this and what its impact is, John?

SENATOR DECAMP: I think you should go ahead. I think you would want some record out here of what the Legislature has found, what has occurred the last year, what the information is. By making it clear that this has now been turned over and has been accepted by this entire Legislature, I am sure then it is made available to the court in making any decisions, and it should be. If you want to be honest, it should be. Why? Because you have all said, when you voted for that resolution, that you had this reason or that reason. That is all well and good. But the only official, complete, detailed record of everything that was learned, discovered, found out, is that 400 page report. That is where the information comes from. To the degree that that report sheds additional light to the court on their final decision, it should be available to them and they should know this Legislature has received that report and has based its considerations on it.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. I guess I'd ask Senator Johnson, again confirming the situation, would this be any legal basis on which a court would, as Senator DeCamp implies, make a determination as to the validity of a settlement plan that may be worked out and presented to it?