

Commonwealth issue will be over as far as this Legislature and the state is concerned. We will have no further liability and we can move on and leave this as an issue that can feel good about because we've finally resolved the issue. However, if we did not go with the \$20.5 million claim, I can tell you as one member of the Lincoln delegation I cannot be in support of this measure because it denies a chance for the depositors the opportunity to come back and raise other liability questions through the courts. Now I want to refer to you LB 718. That's a bill we advanced off of General File. This bill allows for a number of miscellaneous claims that have been filed. It is processed through the Business and Labor Committee which I am a member of, Senator Barrett is Chairman of and other members of this body are members of it as well. This bill was supported by this body and it says in essence that we recognize the liability of the state on a number of points and we pay those claims when we have a liability. And one instance in particular points out what we're talking about with this amendment. We had a situation where we're only liable to pay back warrants, outdated warrants up to two years after they're issued. After that point really it's a vague area of whether or not we have to actually come through and pay a claim on those warrants and this committee, Business and Labor Committee, and this Legislature said we have got an obligation to those people. If we can prove that they did not get their money through a warrant or a check or what have you and they haven't got their money, even though it's past the two year liability phase and we don't really have to pay them, it's our responsibility to do that because we have a moral obligation to do that. We don't have a legal obligation, but we have a moral obligation to do that and that bill, LB 718 was advanced and I hope it will pass because it's the right thing to do. Now I don't know where those people are from. I don't know if they're in Lincoln or Omaha or the rest of the state. It doesn't matter. They're Nebraskans just as the Commonwealth depositors are Nebraskans first and those Nebraskans need our help and we have a moral obligation, we have a legal obligation to help them through this bill. And to now cut off the \$12 million miscellaneous claim at this point is a rude mistake and I'll tell you that all of you who have concerns about that need not worry because if there is any question about the liability of this state on that miscellaneous claim it will be determined by the Supreme Court. Remember, through this bill no final money on the