

made a promise to myself and that promise essentially was today wasn't the day I was going to wage any big battle on this issue and my opening and my closing is going to be in that framework. I will not deal with the issues raised by Senator Beutler and others, will not get into heavy r'etoric. I will try to address one thing that Senator Wesely raised and one thing my good friend at the World Herald raised. The one thing Senator Wesely raised was relatively simple. He said Senator DeCamp and a lot of you other people signed on the resolution. Now live up to it he said. My answer to Senator Wesely is, I signed on the resolution and now I'm going to live up to it and so should you. Read your resolution. Read the debate of that day. Read all facts surrounding it. Let me just read a portion of it. "Whereas, it is in the best interest of the State of Nebraska and the receiver for Commonwealth Savings Company insolvent to resolve the issue of the state's liability." Then go to the "Now therefore" sections. "It is the intent of the Legislature that this settlement must be approved by an order of the District Court of Lancaster County prior to the incurrence of any obligations," blah, blah, blah, "contingent upon the approval of a settlement by the District Court of Lancaster County, it is the intent of the Legislature to settle all Commonwealth claims," so on and so forth. You may remember on that day you voted on this resolution, you voted on another resolution the next day, one I offered. Go back and read your legislative history and it was passed I think almost unanimously and it said the court, in addressing this issue, has to take into consideration the Commonwealth report which Senator Vard Johnson and the Commonwealth Committee dealt with. The Commonwealth people have been hurt as bad as anybody in this state. I don't contest that, don't contest that at all. How it's settled is another matter and either the rule of law or the rule of politics and man is going to win out here. At this point all I am suggesting is I am living up 100 percent to what was agreed on on the floor. That was a settlement would try to be negotiated. It would be presented to the District Court of Lancaster County and what they came up with was what I would live with. Now all you have to do is go back and remember that debate. I think I suggested and I think Senator Johnson may have been one of the ones to suggest the maximum amount that any court even giving the benefit of the doubt, putting their eyes in the sky and everything else, could approve was probably, I think I used the term 9 million so they came up with 8.5. Yes, I