

after count, but they paid. They paid because they knew they had to pay and it was in their best interest to pay, but they said we never sinned, and we won't sin anymore. Now I think it is important, it is extremely important that we establish the principle here that was established earlier by the courts. I'm not an attorney. I rely upon Senator Vard Johnson's estimation of this in the correction of this language and I certainly think that it is important that if and when this bill advances, and I'll have more to say on that later, I did not want to speak to these other issues, but if and when it does advance, that it contains language that does not get us into difficulty in future years. I think that is what is important to the State of Nebraska. I think it is important to the Commonwealth depositors. I think they have the deepest interest of all. It is unfortunate that they're being used in some ways in an irresponsible manner. I support the Vard Johnson amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson is entitled to close, but is there anyone else who wishes to speak on the subject? I just want to...I will ask Senator Johnson to speak into the microphone. I have a request from some member who thinks...we have you turned up as loud as we can, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Maybe I'm speaking too softly. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, several of the Lincoln senators have come by my desk and have complained bitterly that the removal of Sections or subsections 1 and 2 from Section 3 of this bill will somehow violate the ability of the receiver and others in obtaining a favorable decision from the Nebraska Supreme Court that the allowance of \$12 million should be honored as being a constitutional allowance. Well, with respect to the \$12 million my attitude is pretty simple. We are allowing that amount of money to the depositors of Commonwealth for the purposes of restoring confidence in government and for the purposes of extricating our government from a protracted process that can go on for year after year after year. We are excising a cancer. We are not allowing the \$12 million to the depositors of Commonwealth because this Legislature passed faulty legislation, because it did not, nor are we allowing \$12 million to the depositors of Commonwealth because the state did not regulate, or the state regulated in a questionable manner. We are allowing the \$12 million to the depositors of Commonwealth because we want to bring an end