

to say, "The senators mentioned are Senator John DeCamp of Neligh, James Pappas of North Platte, D. Paul Hartnett of Bellevue, Marge Higgins, Bernice Labeledz and Tim Hall of Omaha and Loran Schmit of Bellevue (sic)." When LR 39 was introduced I was a co-sponsor. When it was on the floor of the Legislature, I asked Senator Landis at the time, that was on January 30, I had a lot to say about the Commonwealth depositors and I asked for the closing five minutes. I want to say what I said at that time in the last minute. I still believe that, but I don't suppose anybody has noticed, but I have refused to vote on any amendment or on LB 713 and and I will do so until the end. I will not vote for a kill motion. I think what I have now in the seven senators that were named in the World Herald article have a conflict. If we vote to advance LB 713 or vote for anything, as far as I am concerned, we're admitting that there is an insinuation that we were vote trading. So rather than do that I will not vote again, but let me read the last words because I want all of you to know how I feel about the Commonwealth depositors. In the last minute I said, "What we've done to Commonwealth depositors is very, very sad. I hope each and every one of you realize that if this happened to you and your life savings was gone, what would you do? Would you turn to the state? Would you turn to the county? Would you beg for help? I certainly think that the majority of the people in my district know what it's like to go hungry, to go without a job and to lose any part of their life savings to maintain their home." That was the ending. I spoke for a full five minutes in favor of that resolution. I intended to vote on everything that would benefit the Commonwealth depositors. Since my name was listed in the paper, I feel that any one of you could insinuate that I am voting this way now because I did obtain votes for the video machine. I could care less whether you vote for it or not. There is not one senator on this floor that can say that I asked them to vote for video machines. There can be senators on this floor, the only bill that is important to me at this moment is the homestead exemption for the elderly. There are six or seven thousand depositors for Commonwealth, but in Douglas County alone there are over 9,000 elderly that are looking to me for help also. I was willing to help Commonwealth. I was willing to help the elderly in my district. They both mean a lot to me, but when there is any insinuation, and somebody had to tell the reporter those seven names. I don't know who it was, but that makes me very, very angry and I'm sure the reporter will never tell