

it, things will work out, just make sure that you do the right thing and to say that I am mad right now and upset with the article is probably very accurate and not to vote on the bill at this time only because I am mad is not a good reason. But right now I think it's the only reason that I have. I think that the people that have followed the way that I have voted on the Commonwealth issue and any of those that have written or that I have talked to directly know that I have supported it and one of the statements that I have made is that I would treat it the same as if Commonwealth were in my district. I plan to support the bill when it gets to Final Reading and I'm kind of upset with myself that I can't support it today, but I guess this just isn't the time right now. I would urge the body to move LB 713 on to Select File. I just think that for me it's unfortunate that someone didn't adjourn us a little earlier. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler and then Senator Schmit. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, of all the things I thought I would see this day, I didn't think I would see this, the day the World Herald killed a bill. If this bill doesn't advance today, it is because it is missing four votes who aren't voting because they are mad at the World Herald, and I really don't blame them for being mad but I am very sad. I am very sad because it doesn't hurt the Lincoln Senators, it doesn't hurt anybody in here. It hurts those people up there and it hurts the thousands of Commonwealth depositors. You know, it is one thing if you philosophically disagree and we can have our battles in here on that kind of thing, but when a newspaper interjects itself into the legislative process, and starts doing things that tend to cause votes to change for what are probably totally irrational reasons, and makes insinuations, and starts quoting sources that it doesn't identify, and then doesn't give the people spoken to an opportunity to reply in the same article, I really begin to wonder whether the newspaper itself isn't more interested in the legislative process and isn't taking a more active interest in the legislative process than perhaps it should be. But if there are not the votes to advance here today, this is just stating the fact very objectively, the reason is because of that newspaper article, and that is a very, very discouraging fact, and so unfair to the Commonwealth