

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 713 is on Select File. The first item I have are E & R amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, the E & R Chairman, go to work real early this morning.

SENATOR HALL: Yes, good morning.

PRESIDENT: Good morning.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move the E & R amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The motion was made to adopt the Enrollment and Review amendments to LB 713. You heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman is excused until he arrives, Mr. President. The next amendment I have is by Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp's amendment is on page 2202 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, let me explain what the amendment does, and I may or may not withdraw it. Let me just advise the body within the last 30 minutes I did receive an Attorney General's Opinion indicating the bill is unconstitutional and the \$12 million claim, as the courts and as others have contended from the beginning. I'm also going to hand out a letter that I sought this opinion. But be that as it may, the \$8.5 million is a settlement. A settlement is a situation in which you have two sides, and one side says you did, the other side says we didn't, and both sides say but we, neither of us what to take the risk of ending up being completely wrong so we will settle. So the one side denies any liability in the settlement agreement, exactly as is done in the court documents of Commonwealth, and the other side agrees to waive any, all, every right they have for any litigation as a result of that. That is what your document of settlement of \$8.5 million is. That is what the settlement is. That is what the court agreed to. Now read your court documents,