

stating, you can't look beyond them, you've got to take them as fact. As I say, if it were done in the insurance business or anywhere else, you'd be disbarred, it would be fraud upon the court and everything else. That is what we are participating in. My amendment would try to change that at least. As I say, it would say 8.5 million is the settlement on the first claim, and it settles all claims. Twelve million is a moral obligation that may or may not exist. Let the court judge whether there is any legitimacy. However, if you are going to do anything, this is what should be done. I've handed out the Attorney General's Opinion saying the present version of the bill is unconstitutional. What I am going to do at this time is withdraw the amendments, since I don't believe I have the votes. I had them once to get 8.5 million and then you took it off. I'm going to withdraw the things and let you vote on the bill. If you want to purport a fraud upon the court, go to it. I hope the bill doesn't advance. I hope that then puts the Commonwealth people into a mode of negotiation and realization that you can't do what they are trying to do, or that they will work something out that is something more reasonable. I think the amendments are appropriate but, as I say, I don't want to spend two hours debating the Commonwealth issue when it's been debated enough. What you are doing, if you pass the bill, is literally exactly what an insurance agent would be doing if he filed a fraudulent claim, and then what the lawyers would be doing if they went to court with that fraudulent claim. It contradicts all the facts. It contradicts the research of the special committee. It contradicts just everything. It even contradicts the special resolution you adopted where you said you are going to submit this on the basis of its merit to the court. Now you've come up with a completely different, hokey scheme to do something completely different. Yes, I understand the human issue here. At the same time there is another issue and that issue is the credibility of this body on this and every other issue in the future. If we are willing to file false claims in the hard cases, are we doing to keep doing it after this? That is what it amounts to. So I'll withdraw the amendments, at least at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp has withdrawn his amendments. What is on the desk now, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to