

point blank truth is that it is not a high priority item with most legislators, with the exception of a few here in Lincoln and a few outstate. Some in Omaha are very concerned about it, I know that. But the sad irony of it that regardless of what we do we are not going to have much money in the Commonwealth fund for the depositors. Any implication to the contrary is a cruel subterfuge and should not be tolerated. You may get rid of the problem insofar as the state is concerned. You may get rid of the daily, day by day, by day press reports that nag all of us. But it is not going to help that person that you or I know who lost a substantial amount of money. That is my major concern. I agree with Senator DeCamp. If we are going to spend \$8.5 million and then tally up another \$12 million for interest, shucks, make a general fund appropriation and put her up front.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: At least the people have got something.

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SENATOR SCHMIT: But if we go the other route we are just plainly not doing anything. To take the route of the \$20.5 million and follow that role of giving away the State Office Building and then buying it back, we talked about subterfuge, we talked about misleading people, I think there is a new...that would be a new high because you are going to spend about \$45 million if by some chance the court would approve and this Legislature would vote \$20.5. Now you're getting up to the kind of money that would really help the Commonwealth people. The sad part of it is it goes for interest, it goes for interest, it doesn't help the people who lost the money. I would suggest that there ought to be a lot more debate, there ought to be a lot more discussion of this issue prior to the time you decide you want to hand somebody six cents on the buck and say, well God bless you, we did the best we could, but some senator from outstate Nebraska wouldn't go along with me and we did the best we could, not faulting anyone, not faulting anyone in this body or out of this body. It's been a tremendous problem, but I think that at this point people come to me and have been coming to my office and saying we need the money. They don't really realize what a small amount of money they are going to get. So, therefore, before you vote for any kind