

mentioned a word of it until now. I'm not going to press it. That would have...was an attempt to get the Commonwealth people \$6 million more by making sure the money doesn't go for taxes. Point number three, the answer has been well the money won't go for taxes because we'll delay paying the taxes until the property is sold. Reply, it is still money owed and 14 percent interest running on those. Okay. So this thing is starting to get almost to the point where everybody in the world is going to spend lots of money and the only people that aren't going to get any of the money are the Commonwealth people. They are going to be paying high back delinquent interest rates on the unpaid property taxes, the state is going to put out \$20 million so it can give them \$8.5 million of which they've already got \$6 or more million obligated, even though they may not pay it immediately, as I say they will be paying interest on it through the taxes, pay for lobbyists. Its almost become...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...a sad, sad comedy. I really wish, and I hate to say I told you so, I really wish we'd done what I asked at the very beginning, call a special session, do exactly like Ohio, or Maryland, or the other places did, get the system straightened out back then rather than do this. I guess this is the final chapter in a very sad and sordid matter. But at this point the rights have been signed away, taxes have accumulated, money has been spent and about the only thing we can do at this point, about the only legitimate thing is spend \$8.5 million, take it out of the general fund or reserve, whatever, turn it over to them and tell them the truth. The truth is it's been bungled. I think the last opportunity for anything, as I say, vanished earlier when we could have used a nontax or a nongeneral fund resource to give them some money. Obviously that was tainted. I don't disagree with that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR DECAMP: So I have to vote against this.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, what we are dealing with today is one of the most important issues we've had before us in the last two sessions. I know we've