

that if anything was predisposed to assist Commonwealth, and a legislative study by the entire Legislature on the issue looking at every document that was conceivably available. They concluded there was no legal liability, and we made a settlement. The tragedy is true, the legal "liability", legal obligation has been settled. Not only was it settled but in the special session the fiery, the fiery controversy between myself and the Governor at that time was my attempt to say "and we mean it" by putting an amendment on that ultimately was successful, and it was done for this very purpose because I knew this day was coming, it was done for the purpose of saying and this clears it up, and this settles it on any legal liability. So that has been done. I think Senator Wesely voted, when he voted for the bill, for that amendment, so did most of the Legislature. It over from a legal liability standpoint. Senator Wesely said there is no media coverage today, well, maybe that is what it's all about. Maybe that is the problem with Commonwealth that for two and a half years too many people were trying to play to the media instead of deal with the issue. On a repeated basis solutions were offered which I believe would have been far better than the present situation. For example, we had the agreement, for awhile, that Lincoln and Lancaster County would participate, through giving up some of the assessments and taxes owed, would participate in some reimbursement. That was repudiated eventually. We had offers whereby Commonwealth would receive their money back in an insurance system, basically identical to the present system that exists for insurance companies, in other words over a period of time they would be...all financial institutions would be assessed a certain amount to pay for it, and then they would be able to offset that to a degree on taxes. That was repudiated, primarily as I recall by Lincoln legislators. So I think the issue has been settled in terms of any legal liability. The proposals that are offered to you suggest a legal liability and a way to take money from the other taxpayers to make up for what is indeed a tragedy. If there is no legal liability, then simply taking money from other taxpayers, whether it is done directly or indirectly, is simply not appropriate and it is probably illegal. Finally, I guess I would say there is a final solution to Commonwealth, and it still is there, and it would get Commonwealth depositors, in my opinion, every single penny of what their original deposit was, not the interest, but it would at least get them every single penny. How would that be done? First off, and we passed the law to