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SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR BARRETT: ...require that if a miscellaneous claim is considered at one session of the Legislature, but then is not paid during that session, then the claim must be refiled before the next session convenes if it is to be considered that particular session. And this point is not conjecture on my part, it is not speculation on my part. I asked for an Attorney General's opinion back in February of 1984, asking for an opinion on a case which identically parallels this particular situation we are talking about today. So I am saying to you that to use Claim 312, as found in LB 1029, probably amounts to special legislation in violation of the State Constitution. As far as I am personally concerned I think it is illegal according to our statutes, and I would urge the body not to support the motion to bring the bill back. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Sieck, and then Senator Warner.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I know that it is a difficult issue but many of you have talked this over with your citizens within your area and you may have a change of heart because of talking to them. I know in my particular area the citizens, as a whole, will support doing something about the situation that we have. I think you all realize that the depositors in this case were used, not only by the proprietors of the Commonwealth bank, but also by some of the officials in our State Banking Department. To save other institutions they raised the deposit from 10,000 to 30,000 and encouraged their people to keep the money in that bank when it was already a known fact that the Commonwealth people, the depositor...the bank itself was in trouble. I feel basically this is the reason that this is brought forward, to allow you, as senators within your given district, to get some feedback from your people, and if you feel that it is important to bring it up, you can now cast your vote. Some of the things that Senator DeCamp said are very true. I know that this thing has to get settled, there is no question in my mind. If this doesn't go through I would encourage the Governor to get with it and let's get it settled for those people. They are just wasting money down there and I don't feel that is right. It needs to be settled. The quicker we can get with it the better. Thank you.