

collateral in the manner which we are proposing, or to have the cigarette tax, which is a syntax, raise the money. We do that in all kinds of circumstances for all kinds of different things in the United States and the State of Nebraska. Just one point I want to make. At the very least we should amend the special committee's report to say that part of the problem, one of the principal problems in my opinion, was criminal activity. I think Dr. Breiner is 100 percent correct, when that report came out and was put to this Legislature, upon which supposedly we are basing decisions, without that criminal activity, which was known to the Banking Department, or should have been known to the Banking Department, extends the liability of the state even further than it is already extended. So I would say in all fairness to all individuals we should, at the very least, pull this bill out, take a look at it, and, secondly, to amend that report to include the criminal activity which Senator Johnson has acknowledged he knew about but for some reason this has never been put into the report...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HARRIS: ...in the final summary and analysis. At the very least we should do these two things. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland is next, but may I please introduce some guests of Senator Conway. In the north balcony we have eight students from Wayne State College, accompanied by their instructor. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Wesely, are you going to close please on the motion?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Mr. Speaker, members, my heart is heavy as I address you in closing on this motion because I