

my humble opinion, maybe anything other than whatever was the strict legal solution. It is my thought that there is a reasonable possibility that with cooperation, which I believe is possible from maybe the financial industry, from the insurance industry, from the city and county officials of Lancaster County, that there is a possibility of maybe getting something that would make this whole thing work out a lot better than it is now, and I guess I look at it just like a tornado. Nobody necessarily caused the tornado, but it happened and a lot of people got hurt and, yeah, we did the legal thing and I just wonder if there are some other possibilities and all I am asking the Legislature for is kind of a direction for me and whoever else would be willing to be involved in seeing if anything could be worked out for the next 90 or 100 days to see if the pieces could be put together, maybe a Vard Johnson, a Senator Barrett, a Senator Warner, whoever. I believe there are some possibilities and all I'm asking is a push to go explore them. I'll make this commitment, and I realize it's a long shot to get anything done, but I'll make this absolute commitment. I would not attempt anything unless I had agreement of all the elements, all the pieces and that would include the insurance industry if they were involved or the banking industry or whatever. I would say this. We have done one heck of a lot of things for different industries. For example, we passed LB 983 the other day. We passed it with a minimum of discussion. Let me tell you just how big that bill was. Probably 30 banks that would be closed between now and the next 18 months, two years maximum, at least 30 banks will stay in existence. We took a calculated risk, we took a calculated risk when we passed that bill. I think it will work. I hope it will work. Had that law and the system behind it, in other words, the ability to walk in and put in completely new management in an institution and then keep it running and do a little different bookkeeping and capitalization and things, had that law been in existence, it is very probable that a Commonwealth could have been kept in existence and we wouldn't even have this problem today. So all I am asking is the shot, so to speak, the opportunity to go out and see if some pieces could be put together. I happen to believe they can, can't guarantee anything. If I can't get anything done in 90 or 100 days, I'll send each of you a note and say, I tried, nothing can be done, otherwise, if something can be put together I'd tell you just what it was and see what you thought. But I'm not looking to blame anybody or anything, just trying to see if something can't be worked out to make things a little better and I guess I happen to believe there are some possibilities that can as long as it is approached from a different angle, the