

official position of protecting them is working against them. Let me go through them. Number one, the Governor. The Governor has repeatedly said we are guilty, we are guilty, we are guilty, please punish us. He has made no bones about it. He has said just figure a way to force us to pay money out. Number two, who would be the second person defending the state, representing the state, protecting the state? The Attorney General's Office, except have you forgotten, there is no Attorney General representing the state on Commonwealth. The Attorney General, for reasons which I need not go into, is no longer in the case. He withdrew and the new Attorney General has not involved himself. The Attorney General normally would be defending the state. He is not. Who is the third party at state level that normally would be protecting the state, at least giving our side on this? The third party is our own State Banking Department. What is the State Banking Department doing? They are going around and holding meetings and press conferences constantly, I assume under direction of the Governor, saying punish us, punish us, we are bad, we do a lousy job, we are guilty, throw us in the briar patch. Who is the fourth party that normally would be defending the state at some level? Theoretically the State Claims Board. The State Claims Board is appointed by the Governor. That is the system. I don't fault it. But at every instance the State Claims Board has said they are guilty, we are guilty, we are guilty. All members of the board, no matter what the evidence offered was, even without evidence, said we are guilty, we are guilty, punish us. The only party, officially, supposedly halfway defending the state is somebody, a private, not an elected, attorney who was appointed by the Governor for that limited purpose, Ed Perry. That is who is supposedly defending the state. I think, with a little pressure from me and some others, he has done an adequate job. What did that adequate job show? That adequate job showed, when the evidence was presented to the court and they looked at it, there is no legal liability of this state. A special Commonwealth committee, where not tens of thousands, but I am going to say hundreds of thousands of dollars was spent, after looking at everything repeatedly, in depth, concluded there is no legal liability of the state. Yes, there was pain, there was hurt, there was suffering, but there is no legal liability. Now at some point the truth has to get out to the rest of Nebraska that, yes, there is a lot of bad things happen. Farm values go down. People go broke. Elevators go broke, but that