

doesn't automatically mean there is legal liability. My purpose with this amendment, or a substitute I might offer, is one thing, settle, get it over with. If we are going to be paying out money based on just a possibility, a very thin possibility that there is some liability, legal liability, if we are paying out money to settle that question, then make it settled and get it over with. From a legal standpoint I have no doubt, painful as it sounds, I have no doubt that there is no legal liability. So, just like an insurance case where A hits B's car and one sues the other, one says you are guilty, the other says you are not, they look at the case and they say, well, there is a one in ten chance of winning anything here. So both sides say okay, we will settle it, you give us \$100 or \$500, or whatever, but then they sign a document and that settles it and gets it over with, and it is over.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: But the Governor and others have made it abundantly clear, in the last week, that there is no intent for this to be over, or that the 8.5 million settles it. Now I believe in my own mind that almost every member of this Legislature thought, believed, hoped that if they were putting out money it was settling it. It is abundantly clear now that was not the intent or goal. So I feel it imperative, under one method or another, that we get into any bill where we appropriate money, complete, final, clear-cut settlement of legal liability. Moral things, anybody can put a bill in any time to claim somebody owes them money morally. I have no way to stop that. I have no intentions. But on legal liability let's get it cleared up once and for all, it is over, and that the Governor, or anybody else, notwithstanding, going around the state saying we are legally guilty, we are legally guilty has no legal leg to stand on. That is my goal. Mr. President, rather than this amendment, I would like to attempt another one first, and that is a recitation right into law of a settlement from the court saying this settles it. As soon as that is from the bill drafter I would offer it. But at this time I will let others debate the issue.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would remind the members that if you wish to speak, the number up here is 353, if you will call up I will put you on the list. At the present time we have Senators Wesely, Beutler, Lamb and Haberman on the speaking