

You may oppose that. You may decide that we have done what we have done and that will be it. But I guess the concern many of us have is at least the issue ought not to be thrown away at this point and forgotten when we really haven't totally settled the matter. Now the proposal Senator DeCamp is going to offer first is one that deals with the question of the language in the settlement. Again, as I described the settlement, it offers, basically, a closing of the door in terms of lawsuits, leaves only one opening available, that being the miscellaneous claim. Frankly that language would be agreeable. It is the settlement language and I don't have much problem with that. On the other hand, this bill is in good shape as it is. The settlement language is already referenced in LB 713 and in the bill. So that language put in statute does nothing. It is already referenced through the statutes and serves no real purpose. So I guess my sense is that there is really nothing accomplished by the DeCamp amendment as he is suggesting. But I suppose at the same time we have to recognize...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...that there really wouldn't be much of a change. So I have ambivalent feeling about that language. But I certainly would strongly oppose the sort of action that Senator DeCamp originally was suggesting, which would completely shut any opportunity for the Commonwealth people to come back to this Legislature and ask you to consider again the moral obligation of the state.

PRESIDENT: The Chair wants to announce that we have some guests under the north balcony this morning, members of the YMCA Y-Pals, a guest of Senator Harris is Rowdy Anderson, Angie Cisneros is a guest of Senator Marsh, and Jack Delancy is a guest of Senator Wesely. We welcome you to the Chamber for this session. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler, and then Senator Lamb and Senator Haberman.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I wanted to take a little time, if I could, and walk you through the legal documents so that you have a clear understanding of what Senator DeCamp's amendment, whether it be his first amendment or whether it be the proposed substitute amendment...how it all fits together. I have passed out to you...there is being passed out to you the relevant documents you need to look at. I hope you will try