

and Senator Wesely were, I have no intention, and as a legislator neither I nor anybody in this body have any ability to shut off any citizen or any group of citizens from claiming the state owes them something on moral grounds. I repeat, neither I nor anybody here has any ability, in law or any other way, to stop somebody from saying you morally owe us this. That is not what I am intending to do, first of all because I am absolutely confident that on moral grounds, noble as as they may be, there can be no collection against the state. I am intending, 100 percent, to shut off any legal liability. That is all I have ever asked. That is what I ask now. That is what I sought in committee and that was opposed. I feel with the proper debate and intent on this floor, and with the proper words in the bill as a notice to all it will effectively shut off any legal liability. I believe there is no way to collect on "moral liability." I could bring a bill in here tomorrow morning and say that the state is morally obligated to make sure no farmer goes broke. I could bring in a bill to say I am morally obligated as a state to make sure that family farmers all survive, I'm morally obligated to make sure there are no poor people, no hungry people, no this, no that. I'm not worried about that. I am concerned about the legal exposure and that is what I want to be cleared up. It was the intent to shut that off that was opposed in the committee. Senator Beutler, himself, opposed my putting the release language in the bill, as did the Governor when I suggested that to the committee. I suggest if we make it clear on this floor, through amendment and debate, our intent to cut off any legal liability, it effectively and completely settles Commonwealth from a legal perspective. Anybody can argue after that what they want about what we should or shouldn't do. But as long as we are getting this done, let's do it right this time around. So I urge you to put into the bill an amendment that settles the legal liability question. There are additional reasons, now more than ever before, for getting this cleared up. The media, the Lincoln media, is determined to tell outright lies, outright lies about the Commonwealth situation. I cite to you an editorial that is being handed out now from the Sunday Lincoln Journal. I'm going to read portions of it to you. Make your own judgement as to whether these are outright lies. LB 2, it says, what LB 2, that's my bill, would do is close the door to further claims against the state by depositors of the failed financial institution. Right, that is what I intend