

to do. Governor Kerrey is not being fanciful in saying the bill looks like blackmail because in effect it tells the depositors they will get 8.5 million but only if they won't sue the state. That might raise more legal questions than it settles, at least questions about our legal system. Now listen to this, what kind of justice is it if government can buy away the court's rights of aggrieved citizens? Has anybody ever heard of the settlement procedure? That is what this is all about. That is what all settlements are about. A claims you owe them something. B denies it. You reach a legal settlement and you buy away their rights to sue or make further claims. If I sued the Lincoln Journal-Star, God that is appealing, if I sued the Lincoln Journal-Star and they finally said, okay, we don't think we are guilty, but we are going to pay you \$10,000, do you think they would pay me \$10,000 and then say, and use the money to go ahead and sue us again, keep going on on the legal liability? Absolutely not. Then it goes on, lawmakers, of course, voted earlier this year to pay that 8.5 million without the string DeCamp now wants to attach, or at least they had voted...they thought they had voted to pay it. I claim there wasn't a member here thought they weren't getting it settled, at least settling the legal liability. I would like somebody, privately in the media, to do a poll and find out how many senators thought we were getting this settled, getting the legal liability settled, getting it over with with our payment. Now here is the most blatant lie of all, and this is the one that keeps going outstate and confuses the citizens. Depositors, they believe their deposits were protected to 30,000 because state government had created the Nebraska Depository Insurance Institution Guaranty Corporation and the NDIGC said, yes, deposits were insured. For the ten thousandth time, state government did not create the NDIGC, it was a private corporation created under the authority of state law, as are all corporations created under the authority of state law. We did not create the NDIGC. In the supervision of it, there may or may not have been blunders by the State Banking Department. But it was created as a private corporation, is a private corporation, and that is what the special committee, the courts and everybody found. It is a private corporation. Just because something has the word Nebraska in it doesn't mean that Nebraska is obligated. Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association, are we going to be obligated when they have trouble? Nebraska Bankers Association, are we going to be obligated when they make a