

Whether it is needed or not, I guess it is my intent that 713 did indeed solve and resolve the Commonwealth dilemma and whether that money goes to reorganize whatever is in the best interests of the Commonwealth depositors, I do not care. I feel the state does not have a liability and that is my ultimate goal in accepting this kind of legislation and I'm sorry that we had to come down and certainly make it very clear that the Legislature has no liability and that we indeed hope this is the final resolution of that question. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, in a way I painted myself and you all in a corner this morning when I talked about the integrity of the Legislature as an institution and now I am going to talk about the legislative process. I think it's a waste of time and I think it is demeaning to that process to put things into statute that have no meaning whatsoever. It's like saying it's against the law to steal from somebody. Then right under it you write, and we mean it. And then again, and we really mean it. It's nonsensical. Words in laws are considered to have a meaning. The Legislature is deemed not to say anything for no purpose, but if it says the same thing twice, one of those times it is surplusage and has to be disregarded. It does nothing whatsoever. I don't know what type of charade is being played here this afternoon, but to try to get the Legislature to put wording of this kind in the statute is as bad as what some of you thought it was when I tried to get into the seat belt law, a declaration that the Legislature was acting only because the motor vehicle industry wanted such language into the statute. There were arguments that the Legislature should not do that. Naturally, I felt that that language had meaning and significance. I think those who were opposed to it knew that it had meaning and significance, therefore, they didn't want it. But when we have this kind of stuff that is before us, we had nothing to do with the drafting. We don't know what all is in it. The judge could look at this Thursday or whenever he is going to look at it, and by the way, the Legislature was herded into session so that the judge would not have to change a date. He said he is going to look at a piece of paper and maybe sign it, although judges have been willing to postpone even traffic hearings.