

the right case in court to prove that the state did or did not do some particular thing, some negligence, tort, whatever, that got them liable. So if it's all so clear, then why is everybody in every official position of power claiming the opposite? So I say, get it cleared up once and for all so that everybody knows where we stand, from the Commonwealth depositor who thinks that this is a down payment, to the citizen out there who is putting up the dollars out of his own taxpayer money to pay for it. Finally, it is more than some would say, superfluous language. Why? It is one thing for us to say here is 8.5. I think it is clearly another thing for us to say here is 8.5 for this purpose and with this intent, that this settles this matter and we're putting it into law where you can read it what our goals were, what we intended to settle. So I ask adoption of the amendment. I do believe it settles, clears up, removes any loose ends on whether there is any legal liability on a basis of tort for sure.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DEKAMP: I repeat for the tenth time, no one can write a law that outlaws another person from introducing a bill that says you morally owe me anything and morally I'm not concerned about. Morally, we may or may not owe a lot of things to a lot of different groups in this state, but morally the Constitution forbids you from giving money for. And so I would say, clear it up once and for all and advance the bill. I have enough difficulty voting for 8.5 million. The people in my district, I would say about 80 to 90 percent say, don't give them a single penny, but I think to settle the issue this is the reasonable way. Clear it up. Let them know what they're getting 8.5 million for and let them know so that if they don't want to accept 8.5 million they can say, we don't want it. And if I were a Commonwealth depositor, based on everything I've seen and observed, that's the attitude I'd take. I don't want 8.5. I'd rather go for the whole ball of wax. I doubt they will do that, but at least let them know what they are signing away when they get their 8.5. Urge adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to LB 1. We are on Select File. Twenty-five votes required. The Clerk will call the roll, aye or nay.