

you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, I will close but I would have to say this and I am somewhat disappointed, I would guess, that this body is willing to not discuss this issue with at least as much interest as I think we afford many issues of much less import. I want to say that I have, over the years, followed many other legislators on this floor in their attempt to secure redress for the depositors of those three institutions that were not properly indemnified by the NDIGC. Perhaps I feel more seriously about it because I was one of the individuals who was involved in the creation of the NDIGC. This Legislature acted in good faith when we did that. We thought that there was a need and we could see there was a need for some sort of insurance. We originally started out with a \$10,000 guarantee. That guarantee was raised to 30,000. We can argue as to whether or not some of the individuals acted properly by increasing that guarantee. We can argue as to whether or not all of those institutions...Mr. President, I don't know if you can hear me or not but I can't hear myself.

SPEAKER BAACK: (Gavel.) Will the Chamber please come to order.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President. I do not mean to be discourteous but I do believe it's important that when you do not listen to these arguments you're not being discourteous to a member of this body, you are being discourteous to citizens of the State of Nebraska who have a right to redress from this body, who have a right to be heard, who have a right to have been compensated for the guarantee made by an institution which we created. We did so in good faith. We had employees who acted, I hope, in good faith. Some did not. Some of those employees were thieves. One is now and...or two are now admitted thieves and are probably going to do time. What is even worse is that unless we approve this claim today, we are saying to the people of the State of Nebraska that our word doesn't mean anything, that our guarantee is of no value. Ladies and gentlemen, how can we say...I'm going to put all morality aside, forget all good things, you can throw in the collection plate Sunday what you like, that's your choice, but at this point and at this time we have an obligation to see to it that if we hire a man to haul a load of gravel that he does that job and he delivers the gravel and he doesn't run over anyone. We have an obligation if we hire a veterinarian for the state to check Senator Carson's hogs for pseudo rabies or any