

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I may have a little more time to make clear just what my position is. There are members of this Legislature who were not here when the NDIGC came into existence. Whether they had been or not is somewhat irrelevant, but it is relevant insofar as individual senators are made to feel like they have committed some kind of crime because these people from Commonwealth, in trying to get a higher rate of interest, invested in a shaky economic institution. That pure and simple is what it has been. Never have I characterized the situation in that way, but I am growing weary. They have always been able to come into my office and get a sympathetic hearing, and some things roll off my back like water off a duck's back, but there is some senators who have really tried very, very hard over and over and over to find a way to give these Commonwealth depositors some money. I have watched those senators reamed out by the very ones that they are trying to help. So if the friends of the Commonwealth depositors and the Legislature are, in fact, the enemies of the Commonwealth depositors, then there is nobody over here who really properly represents what their position is. So from now on when I hear Senator Landis, let me go down the list, when I hear Senator Beutler, I am going to disregard what he says. When I hear Senator Crosby, I am going to disregard what she says. When I hear Senator Landis, I am going to disregard him; Senator Wesely, disregard him for sure; Senator Schimek, disregard her; and even though Senator Warner is the Dean of the Legislature and all the other things, I'd disregard him. They don't represent these Commonwealth depositors. They get attacked by the depositors, as users of the depositors. So if you all don't speak for them in here, who does? They need to understand that the attitude generally in the Legislature is that they have got nothing coming, not one red cent. Despite that negative attitude in general, the Lincoln delegation has on more than one occasion been able to persuade the Legislature to go along with various efforts to try to give them some money, which many of the Legislature feel they are not entitled to. After the debate that we had the other day in trying to get this proposal on the ballot in the form that it is there now, I even got into it and added an amendment that would say this money, if it is going to be available to the Commonwealthians, would have to be done within a certain period of time. I should not have offered that amendment. I shouldn't