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couple of things. First of all, I have long been opposed to the referendum process of writing legislation. Secondly, there had been some concern over a comprehensive political accountability act. Senator Luedtke and I have put that together and we believe that we have placed before you, and after working with literally dozens and dozens of people, a bill that will resolve many of the issues in regard to the political accountability. There are several sections of a current referendum going around that I believe that are totally unacceptable. One of the most totally unacceptable features is the responsibility of local elected officials in terms of complying with a particular procedure. Many, many concerns have been expressed to me, by school board members, city council members, county board members, part time citizens performing governmental service. We think we have put together a fair bill, a comprehensive bill and it should be introduced and, of course, it will be given a full and fair hearing and we'd ask at this time that you would introduce the bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall this bill be introduced? Record your vote. It does require 30 votes. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on motion to introduce.

PRESIDENT: The bill is introduced.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move for the intro (microphone off). Signed Senator Maresh. Read title. See page 481, Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the purpose of this bill is this is an annual way of paying the bills that people have against the state, the claims that the Claims Board allows. The first bill allows the claims and then we have another bill to disallow the claims. The Labor Committee has a hearing on these bills, on these bills against the state and this is just a formality. So I move that this bill be introduced.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion. The question is, shall this bill be introduced. Record your vote. 30 votes. Please vote. We can save time by not going under Call. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, Mr. President, on motion to introduce.

PRESIDENT: The bill is introduced.

CLERK: I move for the introduction of the attached bill, again a bill dealing with claims against the state. Request #1473.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, this is the companion bill

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