

committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Abboud, on the bill.

SENATOR ABOUDD: Mr. Speaker, members, the bill, LB 835, is the same as was introduced except for one portion that we did strike. The bill is divided into two separate types of claims against the State of Nebraska. One is miscellaneous claims which you will find in Section 1. Section 1 includes, if you read through the bill, page 2, Section 1, deals with different claims for 400, 4,000, 242, 182 dollars. The one claim that we did deny, Claim 93-124, on line 22, of page 2, we denied that in the committee amendments to the Good...Syracuse Good Samaritan Center. This was in the amount of \$13,485.56, so that's no longer in the bill. The additional miscellaneous claims, the front range fire apparatus for \$300, Terri Steinspring for \$1,349.60. The claim after that is a little larger. It's for \$171,014.39 against the Secretary of State by the Nebraska Press Advertising Service. This amount is for the 1992 election. Secretary of State Allen Beermann came before the committee and explained that this cannot be made a part of his budget because he is never sure what the amount will be, so through precedent through the years he has always included the election expenses as far as for press advertising, which is the ballots that run prior to the election, the sample ballots, always under the claims bill. So that's just something that comes every couple of years and that's the reason for that amount. The next section, Section 2, has a list of a number of different employees and a payment to them that were represented by the firm of Gallup and Schaefer. This was...this is a miscellaneous claim that is a result of a legislative change in the court systems. A number of years ago, in the mid eighties, we changed the court system in the City of Omaha, changing it from a municipal court system to a state court system. At the time, the legislation was written in a manner that there would be no reduction in the amount of payment these individuals would receive. This particular claim today is the second half of a claim that we had originally approved last year and the amounts and the individuals that are listed there, the 13 individuals on page 4 of the bill, are receiving payment for this particular dispute that was settled against the State of Nebraska. So this was the result of a litigation that occurred and this settlement is the result of that second half of the litigation settlement. And the third and final section is under Section 3 of the bill,