

appropriate vehicle. I think that Senator Schimek rightly brings it as an amendment to this bill. The issue of what the proper dollar figure is, I guess, as much an issue as the whole question of whether or not this is an appropriate expenditure. I would argue that \$5,000 is as good a figure as any, but the real issue is should we be paying for these types of claims. I know it's unusual, I know it is unique, but the problem here, I think, is one where, not only, as others have pointed out, where you have...you are, I guess, begging for the additional claims to come in from the other candidates, but you're also, I think, you are putting the Legislature into a very precarious situation for future types of claims, whether they be of this nature or in other areas where we potentially have, for example, changed the law and it has, because someone acted in reliance of the law as it was at the time, now the Legislature is setting a precedent that we are going to basically reimburse, to some extent, make whole that individual based on their reliance on the law prior to the time, in fact, when we changed it. And I think that the policy that that sets, for purposes of not just Mr. Pick's claim, but any claim that potentially would flow down the road in the future is a precedent we should not set here. And for that reason more than any other I understand it's a very rare and unusual situation here, but it is also, I think, the kind of issue that could have dramatic effect in the future for us, if we do not look at it right now and argue that we understand that he filed and that we ultimately removed that district. But I don't believe that compensation is due and owed, and I would urge the body not to support Senator Schimek's amendment, although I do believe that it's an appropriate vehicle at this point for it to be addressed by this body. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 1083, LB 957, LB 979, and LB 884. Senator Cudaback announces the following guests are visiting the Legislature, the fourth grade class from Bryan Elementary School in Lexington, Nebraska is here in the south balcony. Will they all stand and be recognized, please. Senator Witek, your light is next.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I would just like to thank Senator Schimek for bringing this amendment to the floor of the Legislature, and I certainly am in support of it. I was running for election at that time also, and really