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before the district court, and the awards were rather substantial, in the amount of \$518,000 and \$225,000. But since they had been through our Supreme Court, it was the committee's decision unanimously that we had no alternative but to award these individuals the damages that were placed against them. The final part of the committee amendment involves an issue that you may have heard about in past years. It involves the Gus Pick payment. This is a \$12,000 payment that the committee awarded on a 4 to 3 decision in the committee. This claim arose from a legislative redistricting effort following the 1990 census. Mr. Pick was a candidate in a legislative seat up in northeast Nebraska, near the Norfolk area. He expended funds, personal funds, in the amount alleged to be \$12,000. The district was subsequently declared improperly drawn by the Nebraska Supreme Court, and he's asking the Nebraska Legislature to award him the amount of money that he felt he expended for the...for this campaign, and that was in the amount of \$12,000. Those are the committee amendments, Mr. President. I'll be happy to answer any questions in regard to them.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. I understand there's a request for a division. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to divide the committee amendments.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Kristensen, how would you like the amendments divided?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. President, I would make the request that we divide out the Gus Pick portion of the claims. I think there's probably three distinct. I'd be happy to specifically show you that area, but I...the claim submitted by Mr. Pick is the one I would like divided out and taken up separately.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Kristensen, would you approach just for a moment? Senator Abboud. The Chair finds that the committee amendment is divisible. It's found on page 923 of the Journal, and 924. The first division is lines 1 through 9, the second division is lines 10 through 13. Senator Abboud, I understand you would like to take up the second division first. You're recognized to open on that.