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Committee and/or Senator Wickersham and the Revenue Committee's idea of what a good solution to this problem is. And maybe, just maybe, we solve it this year and get it off everybody's back, but I think we do need to resolve it and here's an opportunity, an opportunity born of some hard debate and some misdirections, perhaps, and some uneven statements that arise out of situations where we're all...where we all feel passionate about things. But the fact of the matter is we're all saying the same thing, it's just that the opportunity doesn't happen to be in front of us at the moment. But that doesn't mean that Senator Schrock and the committee couldn't bring that opportunity to us. In fact, I suspect he's ready, willing and able to do that, and I suspect it would be worth our time to take a good, hard look at a real solution. If we don't like it, you can move forward, Senator Wickersham can move forward with LB 329. But here's a vehicle sitting there that can be used for this purpose, and so I would simply recommend this motion to you that would make that possible and suggest that your vote on this motion can be an indication that you want to move forward in a certain way. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, pursuant to the agenda, I have a motion. Senator Connealy, as Chair of the Business and Labor Committee, would move for the introduction of new bills by the Business and Labor Committee, specifically Request Numbers 1061 and 1062.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, as Chairman of the Business and Labor Committee, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, Senator Cudaback. This is a claims bill that we do annually and as the Lieutenant Governor said before, this is LB 849 and LB 850. LB 849 is for the approval of claims that the State Claims Board approved and LB 850 is for ones that they did not approve. The Business and Labor Committee will hold a public hearing on these bills on March 12. We expect to receive detailed information on each of these claims before they're presented to us and we'll make that information available to you before we have floor debate on them, so I move