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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, will you respond?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR FOLEY: And the case obviously went to the United States Supreme Court; is of national significance. He prevailed or his side prevailed. Was there a court order indicating that he was therefore entitled to attorney fees?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, there was.

SENATOR FOLEY: And...and then...what are...what's our recourse at that point regarding those fees?

SENATOR CONNEALY: We...these were looked at by the Attorney General's Office and requested to be paid. This is a court-ordered settlement of attorney's fees. We have really no recourse but to pay these because these are court ordered.

SENATOR FOLEY: And I'm aware that he has another claim in process that's still pending against the university regarding his dismissal from the university's faculty. Are you familiar with that case?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No, it's not been in front of the Business and Labor Committee. I've seen press reports, but it hasn't...it doesn't have anything to do with what's been settled in court or what has been a specific claim that the Claims Board has approved.

SENATOR FOLEY: So that case has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with the bill that's before us. Is that correct?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Correct. This is \$159,000 for court-awarded attorney's fees.

SENATOR FOLEY: Right. You know, in light of...in light of the national significance of that case, I can't help but wonder whether or not he actually suffered financial loss for legal fees. There were...there were just all kinds of national groups