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SENATOR FITZGERALD: And she hasn't lived on it for two years?

SENATOR MARESH: That is right.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: She is in a rest home now.

SENATOR MARESH: Right.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: So the people that are taking care of it they are coming here with these claims now?

SENATOR MARESH: That is right. I think that is a mistake on the Educational Lands and Funds for the predicament we are in now.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: And each year she would be coming in here asking for this amount of money?

SENATOR MARESH: For half of that amount, yes, nineteen thousand some dollars.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mmm, hmm. Is Senator DeCamp here?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, right in front.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: John.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you yield to a question from Senator Fitzgerald?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: At this hearing you got quite a discussion with this other attorney that was for this lady. Would you emphasize a point that you thought that the claim should not be made?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Oh, this was, as you know, Senator Fitzgerald and Senator Maresch and the rest of the committee members know, this one claim took more time than all the other claims combined. We went through it from one end to the other and I think it was my impression that I concluded and I think most committee members concluded on the following things. Senator Landis can sure correct me if he is around because he listened too. Number one, equity was being dealt with. Maybe it had been dealt with too much. Maybe the gal had gotten even more than she was entitled to under the circumstances. Number two, there was some incredible incompetence on the part of some attorneys and some public officials back starting in 1945 and going up until the time the current guy, Hyle Erwin, in the Board of Lands and Funds found out that they were just flagrantly flaunting the Constitution and the law when he finally straightened it out a couple of years ago. Number three, it wasn't as if we