

I would like to vote for paying this claim. You won't be paying it many years. Life expectancy when one reaches the senior age of ninety-three cannot be very long and that property is bringing in money to the state right now. Why cannot the state afford to be generous when some gentleman with his farsightedness thought he was doing something special for our state but our state says, oh, on a legal technicality, we don't have to do this. We can simply say, we will abide by the letter of the law and not the spirit of the law. I would like my state to abide not only by the letter of the law but the spirit of the law as well. Ninety-three, may I live to such a senior age but I hope someone would take into consideration the age factor, the gift and the benefit to the State of Nebraska and that this land will remain in benefit to the state in perpetuity. I urge you to adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the record I think that I should correct Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, I hope you listen to this because any arrangements made in 1945, this lady gave up another right that was arranged with these people, two-thirds of what they had originally said, so she really didn't have that much left, and I agree with Senator Marsh. You can go back to all the legal technicalities you want to because there had to be an attorney involved in that first process and legal counsel which possibly did not look after her best interests, and I think the state has a moral obligation with this amount of money because we are the benefactors of a considerable grant to this state and for the future and here we are. I look in here and I see we are granting thousands of dollars for hay that the deer ate at certain kinds of places some place out in greater Nebraska, and so we can say we will give money back for the hay that was devoured by certain kinds of animals to the Games and Parks Commission for loss, but there was no attorney making that kind of an agreement and you can talk about the attorney now that represents Mrs. Lydick if you want to, Senator DeCamp. I have known this young man a long time ago. There is not a dishonest bone in his body and I am just saying that rightfully he represents her and it is a rightful claim because I have been familiar with this case since 1978 and I have tried every year to get some relief for this lady and every year we have failed and I still believe it is a moral obligation, and I do not think this is a sum that is too great, nor do I think it is unfair. I think it rightfully belongs to her and for this state to turn away today and say no, I think