

ment. Now if a precedent were to be established by our giving this piddling amount of \$65,000 for fifteen and a half years of a person's life, we could say that the precedent is in the direction of compassion which I don't think is a bad precedent for anybody to establish. However, the amount takes it out of the realm of compassion and it is spending a very small amount to try to buy ease for a troubled conscience and some of us do have a troubled conscience, not Senator Kahle for being directly personally responsible for what happened, but for the fact that these kind of things can happen. Twenty years ago is not a long time in the life of a state, in the life of a corporation but it is a long time when you have taken fifteen and a half of those years out of the life of an individual. Sixty minutes had a program just a couple of weeks ago where an individual, he happened to have been black, was subjected to experimentation, drug experimentation, while a member of the armed forces and Congress passed special legislation to give him at least a million dollars, maybe something in excess of that, because money is all the state or the federal government feels that can be offered to atone for the wrong that was done. I would have to ask the question of what the state was trying to do to this individual and what legitimate function of the state was being carried out. We are not talking when we say "state" about the USSR or any of the other totalitarian countries who do their dirty work without the pretense of operating in behalf of the individual concerned. I put out a little sheet of paper just out of curiosity to see what we are paying this individual for the amount of his life that was taken by the state. If we just consider eight hours of each workday and there would be 245 of those per year, he would be compensated at a rate of \$2.14 an hour, \$4,193 a year. I don't think that is a large amount. I think it is stinginess and I hope that you will vote in favor of this amendment. There are a lot of worse things that this amount of money could be spent for and, remember, as these cases come before this Labor Committee, which I think is not the appropriate one to handle these kind of matters, but they are supposed to be judged on their merits, not simply because somebody at an earlier time had a recovery. So I think that in considering each one of these cases as it comes up, a determination could be made as to whether some kind of compensation is justified.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I feel that the committee in voting to give this man nothing voted perhaps its concept of enlight-