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DeCamp did not vote and Senator Landis voted no and Senator Simon voted no. That is a seven man committee so by the very lowest vote that they could possibly put together on the committee did Joe Soukup get said no to. I point out to Senator Kahle that I have served on the Business and Labor Committee before the Business was in it and we handled the claims and that committee is not, that committee is not a rubber stamp of the Claims Board. If the Claim Board says no that doesn't mean that the committee is going to say no whatsoever. That just clears the way for a little further investigation into the procedures. Now recognize that this money, this \$65,000 would go to the court and would belong to the Hall County District Court. It does not belong to Joe Soukup and the court would appoint a conservator to look after Joe's best interest similar to what a probation officer would be, and when he needed monies that the welfare people or the education system or other public services, mental health people, any services that would be deemed necessary by the court, the conservator could draw on this money to get those services for Joe but Joe Soukup would be drawing welfare just like he is now. He would be drawing everything else because the \$65,000 would belong to the court, not Joe Soukup, and thank you, Senator Maresh, for bringing out into the open for everybody in the State of Nebraska to be aware that Joe's mother died of acute alcoholism. We appreciate your bringing that to our attention and further that it would be recommended that Joe Soukup could be a motel clerk. Anybody that has visited with Joe for just two minutes would understand what a misapplication of vocational training that would be. Joe could no more be a...he'd be state senator before he could be a motel clerk. Now it confirms, from Senator Maresh, that Joe has trouble getting on with people and, of course, he does. He has been damaged. He has been damaged emotionally, socially, educationally, vocationally. He has been badly damaged and damaged by our state. There is one very important thing that I would close with and please listen to me. There is rumors running around that the attorneys will be getting half of the money, that this is just a big put up by the attorneys. Now recognize again that my family come in two stripes, plumbers and attorneys, and I am the side of the family that makes the honest living. I can't imagine that the Hall County District Court would give half of this money, a third of this money, a fourth of this money to an attorney for what, to an attorney for what? I would expect that the services of the conservator would be paid for...

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