

for three new funds there will be an increase of \$87,456 in general fund appropriations to the State Claim Board, 1981-82. And then on another page it says, "The effect of this bill is to create a new agency and incorporate it into the functions of the existing State Claims Board. There will be some duties transferred from the Department of Insurance. Some new functions have been created primarily the provisions for indemnification and defense of state employees and officers. The latter function includes the University of Nebraska and the four state colleges." In other words, we are going to indemnify all state employees against any errors or omissions they may make. My number one question, we are going to include the University of Nebraska. What about a doctor working for the university or an intern? I think as an attorney and all the attorneys here are well aware of how high a malpractice claim can go. Are we going to indemnify those interns and doctors at the University of Nebraska? Are we going to defend them? Pay any judgments against them?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, if it would be okay, I would rather we address this portion of the questions you are raising, maybe on the bill itself. All I am doing with this amendment is dealing with that aspect of LB 120 and if we could just get that one over with, then I would go into the other if that is okay.

SENATOR HIGGINS: What aspect are you dealing with then, Senator?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, the aspect here is to LB 120, liability of public officials. We passed it and then some people discovered what we had created apparently, according to the Attorney General, was personal liability so the various entities and individuals involved decided they would use this bill as the horse, so to speak, to carry through or on which to attach this corrective amendment and that is what I am offering now is just that little portion of it and if we could do that one, then I would be happy to get into the other.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Liability for public officials? That means elected officials?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Elected officials...

SENATOR HIGGINS: That includes us then.

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And LB 120 will provide free liability insurance for all public officials?