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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Maresh on the committee amendments.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the committee amendments, first of all, are two claims by Eastern Airlines against the Department of Aeronautics which is a refund on fuel and this comes out of their fund, out of the Department's funds, and even though it was allowed by the Board, the committee felt that since it was sloppy bookkeeping by the Eastern Airlines allowing this to go on and on because of change of administration there, they weren't following up on this refund and so we went along with the Department and disallowed the two claims, one for \$63,148.10 and one for \$37,527.83. The second one was in the wrong bill and in your handout material it is on page 9, and it has to do with the Public Employees Retirement Board, pay to Sharon J. Dorman. The next one is on page 11 in your handout, the Board turned down Mr. Anderson's claim on some expired vouchers that he didn't cash and we felt that the Board seemed to have some problems with determining if Pamida should get a share of this since he was in their building, he was a druggist down in Nebraska City, and we felt that this was justified and we transferred this claim from the disallowed to the allowed claim. The next one is the Joseph J. Soukup Trust Fund. The Claims Board allowed this claim and they didn't have any recommendation for an amount. It came to us and we didn't know what to do with it, and I asked for an Attorney General's Opinion and he decided it was in the wrong...with the wrong Board, that it should not be handled by this Claims Board, so we sent it back to the Claims Board and they again allowed it without any amount and this time we decided to set up a trust fund of \$30,000, and figuring 13 1/2 percent interest this would bring in to Mr. Soukup about \$337 a month in addition to his \$220 a month Social Security, we figured this would be probably a reasonable amount for him to live on, so this is the amount we recommended to the Legislature to be allowed. This money will be invested with the Investment Council and we hope that they can make monthly payments to Mr. Soukup. This will be for the duration of his lifetime, and after his death, \$30,000 goes back to the general fund. The next is on page 8 in your handout against the Department of Health, pay to Grady Memorial Hospital. And the next one is to Crawford School District. These are all on page 9. There are two of those for Crawford City Schools. This is some federal and state fish hatchery property where the children come to Crawford Schools and this is tuition for those children from that property. The next one is the University of Nebraska to Lincoln to pay for sewer and water improvements, \$7,097, and the next one, Claim 181, is a problem that occurred at the prison where they found some