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error of \$5,000. That should read \$30,000 as the amendment in the book. I would oppose this amendment because the committee worked hard. We met many times for a long time each time to try to determine a reasonable amount and we agreed on this, so I hope that the Legislature abides by the committee's decision. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I too rise to oppose the DeCamp amendment to the committee amendment. More specifically, of course, I am the one "no" vote on the committee for this particular claim anyhow, but I would remind the body that there was an Attorney General's Opinion dated April the 9th in reply to Senator Maresh in this Joe Soukup claim matter and the Attorney General's Opinion was that it is probably unconstitutional for the Legislature to pay Mr. Soukup through the miscellaneous claim procedure, and to be specific about it says, and I quote from the Attorney General's Opinion, "Payment of Mr. Soukup's miscellaneous claim would probably violate Article III, Section 18, Article I, Section 16, of the Nebraska Constitution". Now it is without a doubt that Mr. Soukup had some bad things happen to him, but it was my contention in the committee that the procedure should have been followed through the court procedure. I think the attorneys for Mr. Soukup are using us, leaning on our sensitivities, if you will, on our conscience, and I am sure the state did some thing that might have been bad, I don't know. I am not sure of it...I shouldn't say it that way, I am not sure, I don't know. That's been alleged, and if that is the case then I think the courts would probably award a generous payment. But I think we are being asked to be judge and jury in this manner and that bothers me. I think the court system in this nation is set up to answer these types of questions. I don't think the legislative body is the one to set up to do it. So I object strenuously to Senator DeCamp's motion to the committee amendments. And, quite honestly as I indicated, I am not in favor of the committee amendment in that regard, and I remind you once again we do have an Attorney General's Opinion that indicates that paying through the Miscellaneous Claim Act is probably a violation of our Constitution which we have all swore to uphold. So I oppose the DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol, did you want to talk on the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, Mr. President. Here we go again.