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SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, it is obvious that the Legislature and the state's conscience has been taxed unduly at the present time when you look at the vote. Rather than undo what we have just accomplished I will withdraw my amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The next amendment.

CLERK: Well, Mr. President...all right, Mr. President, I have nothing further on the Soukup claim.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion before the House is the adoption of the Soukup amendment. Is there any discussion on it? Senator Fitzgerald, did you want to talk? On the Soukup amendment.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Chairman and members, I have a bill here for the attorneys and I think everybody in the committee has it, William Reilly and James Livingston, hours, 250 hours at \$60 an hour, or a total of \$15,000; out of pocket expenses, \$867.80; mileage, 3300 miles at 22 cents a mile, and it comes up to \$860, for a total of \$16,727.80. At the hearing I said I would never vote for a bill that would not have a separate bill for the attorney fees. So this here bill here was submitted to me for the attorneys. So I don't know...we never have acted on it in committee to the effect, they said let's do something for Joe and let the attorneys do something in Grand Island. So they never did act on anything on the bill but this is the bill they did submit.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I guess I am really baffled at this point. As I understand it, I have to muster 25 votes again now. I guess it's a crazy question but just how many times do I have to try this?

SENATOR CLARK: Five.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, because that's kind of what it's looking like, Senator. What are the rules of the game at this point? I really would like to know in all fairness. Where are we on this issue?

SENATOR CLARK: We adopted your amendment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, so what have we got before us then?

SENATOR CLARK: It's that portion of the committee amendments as amended because it has been divided.